

## Editor's Corner



**T**he communities' website ([www.ami-communities.eu](http://www.ami-communities.eu)) is now ready to become your Collaborative Web Environment for preparing with partners your new project initiatives for the FP7. You are all kindly invited to create your own privately held shared workspaces, from your root folder, where to invite partners for contributing to new project initiatives. We also kindly recommend you to personalise your profile page, express your interest and potential project initiatives for the FP7 ICT work programme in simply using your own blog entries.

A new blog entry category, named "FP7", will help to quickly identify and browse blog entries related to FP7 expression of interest. All members have the proper access rights to post blog entries and express their interest to existing blog entries in simply posting comments.

In this double issue, you will find several brief overviews about the latest COMIST workshops that have been held in New Member States and Accessing Countries. You will also find an article explaining how to personalise your profile, express your views and ideas in your own blog entries within the communities and how to advertise both your profile and your blog in your email signature. By this way, others can know more about yourself in reading your short biography, research interests, and recent publications for setting-up potential connections and starting some joint initiatives.

We wish you all the best for 2007!

**Marc Pallot, Newsletter Editor**

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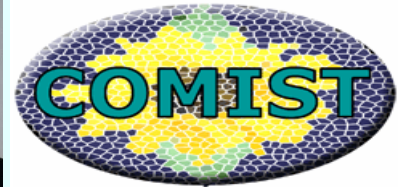
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## Coordinator's Message



**C**OMIST wishes to contribute to a prosperous 2007 for all AMIs (means friends in French). We are proud of COMIST contribution to the launching of the European Network of Living Labs. As you know the official launch has taken place under the auspices of the Finnish presidency of the European Union on 20 Nov 2006, just before the IST'2006 conference held in Helsinki 21-23 Nov 2006. I am particularly pleased to report that four of the twenty Living Labs in the first launch wave are from NMAS countries: Hungary (2), Czech Republic and Slovenia. Congratulations to all of them!

At least five additional Living Labs from NMAS are getting ready with COMIST support for the launching of the second wave in October 2007. COMIST, in co-operation with CORELABS, has created a dedicated website for the Living Labs Community. Please register [www.openlivinglabs.eu](http://www.openlivinglabs.eu)

During this period, great local events have been conducted in Vilnius, Warsaw, Sofia and Ljubljana. These workshops are intended to catalyse new pan-European Innovation cycles and to provide networking opportunities with the members of our communities. The results as you can see in this newsletter are really encouraging for ensuring the success of COMIST new initiative: Innovation Transfer and Take up initiative (ITT).

ITT is a major wide take-up initiative being prepared for the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Framework programme, intended to ensure that the excellent results developed in the 6<sup>th</sup> FP in the area of Collaborative Business and New Working Environments are contributing to strengthening the innovation potential of collaborative clusters in NMAS and all over Europe. In order to participate, please express your ITT interest within the AMI@Work communities' website.

In this issue you will also find an article explaining how to use the blogging area for expressing your ideas on new initiatives for the 7<sup>th</sup> FP, for which you would like the support of other communities' members.

Nowadays, our community web site is really improved. Special thanks to Rudolf, Stanislav and Marc who have transformed it into a Collaborative Web Environment. It is now time for contributing with our respective interests and ideas to the European creativeness and innovation through the 7<sup>th</sup> FP.

Happy Ney Year!

***Roberto Santoro, ESoCE-NET, COMIST Project Coordinator***

***Chair of the AMI@Work communities***

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## Summer University on IT in Agriculture and Rural Development

by Tünde Kallai



The Summer University on Information Technology in Agriculture and Rural Development took place in Debrecen, Hungary from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2006. This was the first time that the Hungarian Association of Agricultural Informatics organised the Summer University on international level cooperation with Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development at University of Debrecen and with other partners.

participants, professors, researchers and students from six European countries have been contributing to the success of this event. Professors from England, France, and Serbia gave lectures. Additionally, Professor Charles Burriel gave a live lecture from the University of Dijon using Marratech live video-conferencing system. Thirty four papers, addressing different topics such as Education and E-learning, Modelling,



This “Summer University” provided a forum for agriculture related professionals, professors, lecturers and PhD students to exchange information on education, research, applications and developments of Information Technologies in Agriculture and Rural Development and publish the most recent results. It covers a wide array of topics. These include new applications of well established and understood technologies to innovative and entrepreneurial applications of emerging technologies, in addition to issues related to policy and knowledge dissemination. Among

Internet, DSS, Information Technology in Rural Development, Food safety, Information Systems and Mobil technologies for farmers, were presented and discussed with the audience.

Here is a brief overview of two presented papers: Istvan Füzesi and Miklos Herdon, from the University of Debrecen, Centre for Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Department of Business and Agricultural Informatics. This hot research topic’s paper was prepared about the “Traceability requirements for information systems in the agro-food sector”. In the beginning of 21st century the

matter of food-safety plays an accentuated role in the food industry. Important issues in this area are the risk of bio-terrorism, impurities in the food-chain and the ascendant customer needs. The solutions of these problems are the introduction of modern information and quality systems, traceability and identification of products. They reviewed in this paper the possibilities of these systems, the potential advantages and the technologies of identification. They discussed the most important criterions of systems which probably can solve the today's quality problems of food-industry.

Another interesting paper, prepared by Róbert Szilágyi, Péter Lengyel, PhD students from the University of Debrecen, Centre of Agricultural Sciences, they shared "Experiences of Mobile Internet Application Development". In the first part of this paper they described the specific features of agricultural information. Then, they summarized few concepts about mobile device application development. The main aspects of this were: reduced display size, reduced scrolling and providing direct access. They were explaining that the main problem is the difficulty of entering data. Finally they presented two of their applications. The first is a JAVA mobile plant information software, the second is a WAP agricultural product price information application.

All presentations are downloadable from the following URL: <http://odin.agr.unideb.hu/su2006>

There were also two workshops, related to EU IST FP6 projects:

- Tutoring and Workshop on Collaborative Web Environments based on the COMIST SSA project objectives.
- AMI@Netfood Workshop.

During the Tutorial, Mrs. Tünde Kállai gave a general presentation firstly about the AMI@Work family of communities and its objectives. Later on, she explained the functionalities and identified the innovative collaborative services for new collaborative environments through the new website of the AMI@Work family of communities URL: <http://www.ami-communities.eu>.

In the last and longest part of this workshop, using three different screens, she invited assistant professors from the University of Debrecen to join her live demo in order to make a subscription step by step together. One of the main objectives was to show, how this new website is facilitating the communication among the communities' members.



During the live-tutorial, participants have been invited to play with the new web-site features, including "My space" and "blogs". Finally she drew the attention to all explaining that everyone can express his own research and policy interests. Everyone can personalize his own profile page and everyone can look for valuable partners (based on members' profiles) and articles related to the upcoming FP7 Work Programme for 2007. Thanks to this Tutorial, several Hungarian and Czech participants decided to join the AMI@work family of communities.

## COMIST Workshop, Sofia



by Vesselin Spiridonov



This COMIST workshop was planned as a concomitant event to the European Day of the Entrepreneur (EDE) that was held in Sofia from 7 to 8 November 2007. In 2006 EDE was organized for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

The original idea of EDE was the events to be organized in the frame of the PAXIS Network (The Pilot Action of Excellence on Innovative Start-ups) aimed at dissemination of best models for establishing new technology based companies. The local organizers are Sofia Municipality and Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". The Mayor of Sofia and the Rector of the University are the official heads of the events. However, the patronage by the President of Bulgaria or by the Prime Minister during last four years was very useful for involving high officials to speak on selected EDE topics.

The first EDE event (October 2003) was held under the motto "Innovation and Development". The participants had the opportunity to get acknowledged with successful practices of European networks in support to the innovative entrepreneurship. Foreign partners from Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxemburg, Spain, Serbia and Macedonia, as well as representatives from the European Commission exchanged their experience and actively participated in the different discussion

sessions. The event was highly evaluated by foreign and Bulgarian guests.

In 2004 the second EDE event had the slogan "EU Market: Opportunities and Challenges".

In two plenary, 16 panel sessions and three concomitant events key stakeholders from Bulgaria and Europe discussed successful models and effective solutions in the implementation of the innovative development of the country and outlined the paths for harmonization of the entrepreneurial activities to the European standards. The presentations by Franck Dupont of European Commission, DG Enterprise, "Innovation Policy" Unit: "Opportunities and Challenges for Bulgaria Based on the Innovation Scoreboard" and by Takis Damaskopoulos, Executive Director of European Institute for Interdisciplinary Research: "Regional Nodes of the Economic Growth: Institutional Topology of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation", were included in the plenary meetings.

In 2005 the forum was held under the motto "Innovation and entrepreneurship encouragement at local and regional level" and was oriented directly towards the local and regional authorities in Bulgaria. The concept of this forum was introduced by EUROCITIES (Network of the European Towns) and the European Commission.

EDE earned good reputation in Bulgaria and always involved between 300 and 500 participants.

Because of the great interest to COMIST event the Organizing Committee of EDE 2006 proposed two of the COMIST presentations – those by Peter Statev and Marc Pallot, to be moved from the workshop room to the plenary hall. This decision allowed the Programme of COMIST Workshop to be divided into two parts: Plenary meeting presentations with an attendance of more than 350 people and a Tutorial for selected 30 persons.



The plenary presentations that took place in the morning session on November 7, 2006 were:

1. Peter Statev, Chairman of the Managing Board, Bulgarian ICT Cluster: “Enterprise, Knowledge and Innovation – Conditions for Success of SMEs in ICT Sector.”
2. Marc Pallot, European Society of Concurrent Enterprising Network (ESoCE-NET): “On-line Communities and People Networking for Projects Opportunities at the EU level.”

In addition to the presentations all EDE participants received printed copies of

Further information available at:

<http://www-it.fmi.uni-sofia.bg/ede/home.html>

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The second part of COMIST event was organized as a tutorial, named: “Supporting the Participation of Bulgarian Organizations in eWork and eBusiness Related European Projects and Initiatives”. This half-day tutorial was intended for the Bulgarian participants wishing to join AMI@Work communities in order to be better prepared for participation in European projects and initiatives. Online collaborative environment used in COMIST project, incl. AMI@Work portal and the social software – wiki and blog tools were presented in more details. The Programme of the tutorial included three presentations:

1. Stanislav Traykov, Virtech: “Collaboration tools, social software: wiki and blog.”
2. Rudolf Ruland, Fraunhofer - FIT: “Collaboration environment for online AMI@Work communities.”

Vesselin Spiridonov, Virtech: “Practical moves for joining European communities and participation in European projects and initiatives.”

During the discussions after the various presentations the participants have shown considerable interest in AMI@Work communities, the new Collaborative Web Environment and in COMIST project as a whole. Their wish for future contacts with Virtech as a COMIST partner was satisfied and additional information, together with all COMIST presentations was distributed to them immediately after the workshop.

## Value Clusters are crucial for New Member States and Europe

by Adam Turowiec



On 9 October, 2006, in Warszawa, Poland, COMIST hosted another of the series of project workshops. That one was devoted to the topic of clusters in Poland and New Member States and the role of co-operation and innovation for economical development and the SME sector.

The workshop gathered 24 participants representing both organisations involved in development of clusters and those which only consider involvement in such activities – mostly from Poland. The event's principal objective was to present to participants, by means of practical examples, how to enable emergence of value clusters and how to strengthen them, what are the indispensable conditions for a successful cluster to emerge and survive, and which issues are the key to support collaborative innovation among SMEs. In order to achieve that, ten presentations were given by international speakers, including representatives of clusters from Hungary, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Slovenia, and Poland.

The workshop was concluded with a panel debate, with participation of the speakers and invited experts, during which aspects specific for development of clustering in NMS were discussed.



The discussants emphasized that clustering is a concept which appears to be extremely useful and adequate for the developing economies of the

New Member States. It helps to support and maintain innovativeness – especially among small and medium enterprises which, otherwise, might quickly face insurmountable constraints on their way towards constant improvement. There have been dozens of positive examples of very innovative small companies from NMS. However, only some of them have succeeded in a longer term, having been able to sustain the developments – financially, organisationally, and – last but not least – from a marketing point of view. Many others failed due to inability to acquire financing, lack of market specific knowledge or due to tendency to act individually.

It was mentioned during the discussion that the tendency to work alone and the relative unwillingness to collaborate, probably related to the common background of some 40 years under the communist regime, was very typical for NMS. And, as such, these behaviours usually do not facilitate innovation. Since clustering is a new way of working together, its proliferation among companies might contribute to enhancement of the collaboration spirit and thus – to strengthening of the innovation system.

Therefore, it is extremely important to disseminate case studies and best practices to promote the clustering concept in NMS and to explain its main assumptions, potential benefits (especially for enterprises themselves), and expected challenges. Nonetheless, the experts agreed that, even though clustering might be considered a perfect solution for NMS, it was apparently not suitable for all sectors. And solutions which have proved to work somewhere else cannot be easily copied and implemented in NMS; in most cases they need individualisation.

The wide dissemination is also crucial due to the fact that in NMS it exists significant unconsciousness related to the clustering concept, especially among entrepreneurs. Sometimes, even for people who create and participate in clusters, it is unclear when actually a loose collaboration of entities becomes a cluster. It was thus stressed that working with entrepreneurs themselves was extremely important, so as to start building clusters (based on actual needs of regions, citizens and entrepreneurs) using a bottom-up approach rather than a top-down method which is often being propelled by ambitions of e.g. local governments, and usually does not succeed in a long term.

The panel indicated that a research centre or a university might constitute a very good member of a cluster, provided they are able to work with business dimension in mind. For sure, this is not so obvious. As NMS speakers pointed out, universities in NMS had, over more than 40 years, got used to being fed with relatively easy money from the state budgets. They didn't have to align the research and education they made to the needs of the markets. Nor was the centralised socialist economy in need for business-oriented applied research and innovative products. This is why we can still observe large inconsistency of existing university curricula with actual needs of the employment market.

This further explains why many NMS universities do basic research (sometimes with very good and world-class results), but completely fail in collaboration with industry or business in the area of applied (fast-to-the-market) research. According to speakers, only gradual (but unavoidable) change of the funding model for academia might force them to modify their approach.

Another issue that was brought up by the panel concerned the overwhelming red tape which impedes entrepreneurship and might hamper creation of clusters and development of effective collaboration in NMS. Participants gave examples of such problems they came across in the past.



While summarising, the speakers underlined that clustering would be important not only for the NMS to help them to align to the “old” EU economy, but also for Europe as the whole to let it stay competitive on the world market. In order to achieve this, EU has to become the leader in high-tech, since all basic production has been or shortly will be moved to other countries with cheaper employment costs (China, India, etc.).

Clustering might be a very good way to pursue this strategy, since it encourages and supports innovativeness (to stay ahead of the market) and collaboration (to decrease costs and increase efficacy). Additionally, from a point of view of regional development, it may contribute to maintaining jobs within a region, which – otherwise – might go somewhere else.

## COMIST Workshop in Vilnius

by Rimantas Gatautis

The COMIST workshop was organized in Vilnius on 20<sup>th</sup> October jointly with IST4BALT project. The workshop „IST in 7th Framework Programme: benefits for active participants” consisted of several sessions discussing collaboration networks, tools and innovations. The workshop aims to stimulate wider participation of organizations/companies from Baltic States in IST programme, to promote and discuss new working methods, collaborative networks and tools, innovations and clusters.



underlined the importance of ICT sector in the development of quality of life in New Member States and their further integration in European processes. Such integration is may also take form of various joint activities including these stimulated and supported by the European Commission through the Framework programme.

Dr. Rimantas Gatautis presented COMIST ideas, aims, achievements, role in Lithuania and Jean Bonnin, EDNES President, presented Project IST4BALT. The session also present the recent initiatives of European and NATIONAL technology platforms and the future possibilities arising in 7 Framework programme.

The session “Security - Creating trust and confidence through mobile collaboration” presented EU research in the area of trust and security in mobile environments and the issues arising from projects implemented in Lithuania, Ireland, Poland and Italy.

The second half of the workshop was oriented to collaborative networks and tools in IST. The session was opened by V. Niitamo from NOKIA presenting CLOCK coordination action. V. Niitamo pointed out the importance of Collaborative Working Environments (CWE) in developing creativity and innovation in a single EU market. CLOCK Project aims to set in motion an industry-led Large Technological Initiative (LTI), which will serve as the focus point for future European action and research in CWE and will prepare the way for future CWE activities. Dr. M. Boronowsky from Bremen University presented case of University in Regional Development. The Technologie Zentrum Informatic at Bremen University working model was presented. As well the current WEARIT@WORK project was presented as good practice case for collaborative innovations development. Adam Turowiec from University of Poznań presented Collaborative Platform and



Possibilities and issues concerning participation in FP7, success stories and benefits from participation in the programme and instruments provided by the IST was presented at the workshop. The event brought together individuals, groups and communities interested in joint activities within IST programme projects providing floor for presentations of possible collaboration grounds and forms. The workshop also served as networking and matchmaking tool stimulating participation in further FP7 calls.

The plenary session was dedicated to present COMIST and IST4BALT projects. Mr. Žvirblis

AMI@Work Communities role in supporting balanced work and life in rural and regional settings. The AMI@Work Family of Communities, their role, activities and aims were presented. Mr. Turowiec continued his presentation concentrating on rural@work community and it's mission, Include the Rural & Regional dimension within the Information Society, implementation, activities and future plans. Mr. Ivan Popov, Virtech, continued on AMI@Work Communities theme presenting collaboration tools - Shared Workspace, Wiki and Blog role in Knowledge Connection. Ivan Popov described and analyzed those technologies, Factors Influencing Shared Understanding and Collaboration, Collaborative Web Platforms and presented these tools implementation in COMIST project. Prof. A. Gviashiani shared his experience in applying collaboration tools for volcanoes monitoring.

sectors. He continued on wood cluster and ICT cluster. He presented strengths and weakness of clusterization processes in Lithuania. The presentation as well pointed out clusterization principles in Lithuania. M. Jonauskis from Lithuania Innovation Center presented National technology Platforms initiative. The current initiative from Economics ministry allowed different enterprises jointly to develop and plan research for long time period. Prof. A. Garalis, Siauliai University, continued on clusterization preconditions in logistic sector. He analyzed current activities of Klaipeda harbor and Lithuania Railway pointing out the synergies for possible cluster development. The last presentation by A. Soloviev from, EDNES, summarized findings from The EU Leonardo da Vinci Programme Project "European Quality Network"



The second "Collaboration networks and tools in IST" session was discuss clusters and innovation development in Lithuania. Dr. I. Dageyte, Vilnius University, analyzed experiences in the Baltic R&D systems transformations as particular circumstances for managing innovative processes in Lithuania. She analyzed R&D system development, changes and role in innovations development pointing differences between Baltic countries. G. Jucevicius, Kaunas University of Technology, presented latest research concerning value clusters current situation and perspectives in Lithuania. G. Jucevicius presented the situation in industry sectors in Lithuania, strengths of several



About 100 persons were attending and actively participating. Overall, this workshop served as a discussion platform for further cooperation in developing joint initiatives and actions. The most of the discussion was oriented towards possible cooperation between researchers and technological platforms managers and developers in Lithuania. The development of national technology platform might serve as a good opportunity to promote COMIST ideas and LivingLab Initiative in the future.

## User Profile Page and Blog

By Marc Pallot and Rudolf Ruland

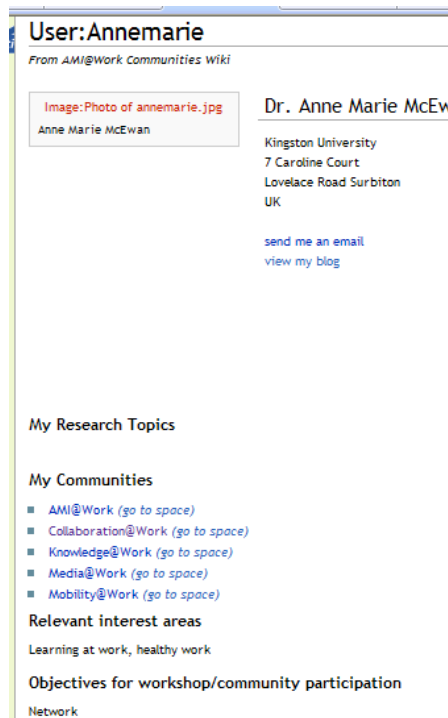
The AMI@Work communities' website is now becoming your Collaborative Web Environment for preparing your initiatives for the FP7. You are all kindly invited to personalise your profile page and express your own interest for both the CIP and ICT work programmes. This article is explaining how to personalise your own profile, express your ideas in your own blog entries within the different community categorisations and how to advertise both your profile and your blog in your email signature. This is very useful for others to identify who you are (e.g. through your short biography) including expertise (that could match the needs of others' initiatives), research interests, your communities, recent publications, your research projects and so on as there is absolutely no limitation.

The first step is to have a look at your own profile generated automatically with the information you provided at registration time. Just click on "special pages" in

the "Wiki tools" box on the left hand side column and you will see a list of different types of special pages such as "Popular pages" (top ranking pages by number of views: home page with 23.456 views since last June), "Statistics" and most interesting for you is "User list" where you will find your username. Then just click on your username and you will see your user profile page with the information you provided at registration time (see the different example views). For sure, this is only the starting point as one can personalise or extend his profile as much as he wishes (see other example views).

Otherwise, just click on your username which appears on the top side of the browser's window when you are logged in. A second possibility is to use the wiki search with "user: username" or "firstrnelastname" without any blank.

In order to personalise your user profile page you



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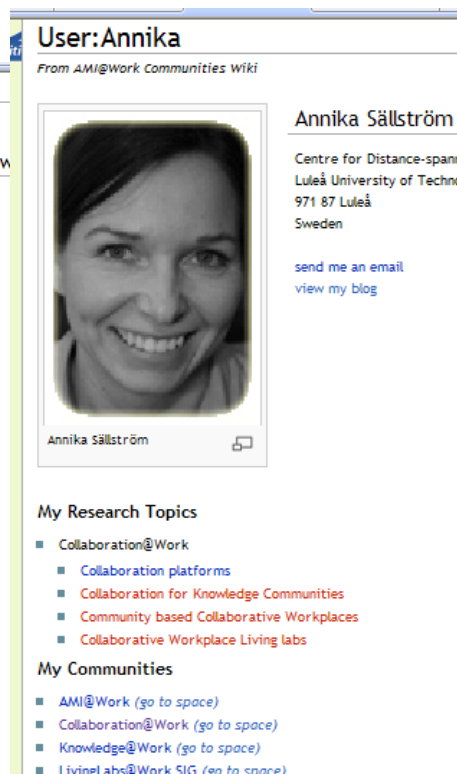
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**Relevant interest areas**


Learning at work, healthy work

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- Community based Collaborative Workplaces
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need to enter into the “Edit” mode. This edit mode is not yet fully WYSIWYG but already doable if you just take a look at already existing profile to get some inspiration and editing practices. Otherwise in case of trouble you can still decide to contact the support team: Rudolf Ruland, Stanislav Traykov or Marc Pallot. The URL or link to a user profile page is composed like this example:

<http://www.ami-communities.eu/wiki/User:Marcpallot>

It means that you do not necessarily need to go to the “Special page” named “User list” to click on your username or bookmark your user profile page link as you can simply click on your username.

First thing recommended to do is to add your best portrait photo. This is quite simple, just click on “My space” and then click on change my profile. Then upload your portrait photo in here.

Secondly, back in your user profile page, start to enter into the “Edit” mode and insert the various items or topics you wish to include such as “Short bio”, “My recent publications”, Research projects and so on. If you need to make a link to an existing wiki page or document (e.g. papers, presentation uploaded in the Library section) just mention it like this: “[wiki-page-link-

example| this is an example of wiki page link]” or if you need to make an external link (e.g. papers, journal article) just mention it like this: “[http://www.esoce.net ESoCE-NET website]”. In simply entering into the “Edit” mode of an existing user profile page then you can even copy and paste in your own profile page in order to get the way to write it properly.

That’s all...simple isn’t it?

It is always good to know that the real incentive of exposing your profile and own views through the web is to potentially make connection with others having complementary interests and

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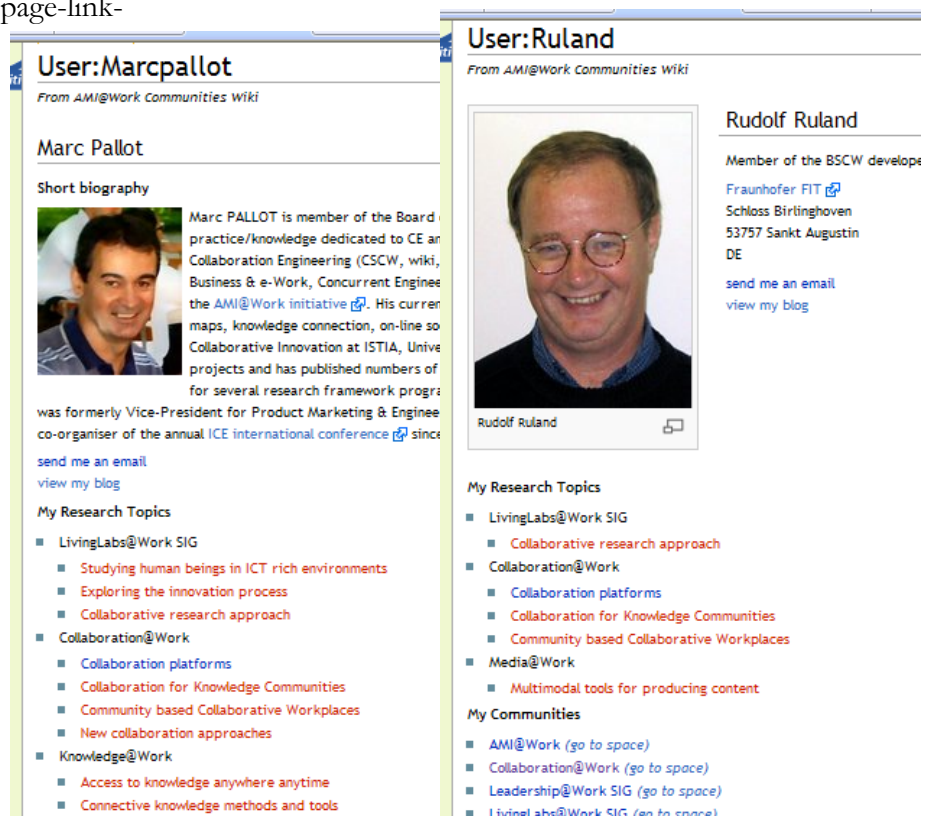
views

Let’s now turn to your own individual blog entries within the community categorisation. What is it for?

Community based individual blog entries are intended to

further inform your community colleagues about your own views you would like to express, new initiatives, articles you have read in newspapers or on the web or somewhere else which are potentially interesting for your colleagues as well. In one single word, all your individual blog entries should be relevant for the community or communities’ members but that could also be a starting point of discussion among members and external people as your blog entries are publicly accessible like the wiki pages. However, only duly registered members can edit the wiki pages and have their blog to post entries.

To go to the Blog application, just click on “blogs” which is located in the “community tools” box on the left hand side column. If you wish to see the list of blog entries, just click on “Recent posts” in the right hand side column (navigation menu). The numbers of read events give you an idea about the hottest or more popular entries.




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From AMI@Work Communities Wiki

**Marc Pallot**

Short biography



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  - Exploring the innovation process
  - Collaborative research approach
- Collaboration@Work
  - Collaboration platforms
  - Collaboration for Knowledge Communities
  - Community based Collaborative Workplaces
  - New collaboration approaches
- Knowledge@Work
  - Access to knowledge anywhere anytime
  - Connective knowledge methods and tools

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  - Multimodal tools for producing content

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- AMI@Work ([go to space](#))
- Collaboration@Work ([go to space](#))
- Leadership@Work SIG ([go to space](#))
- LivingLabs@Work SIG ([go to space](#))

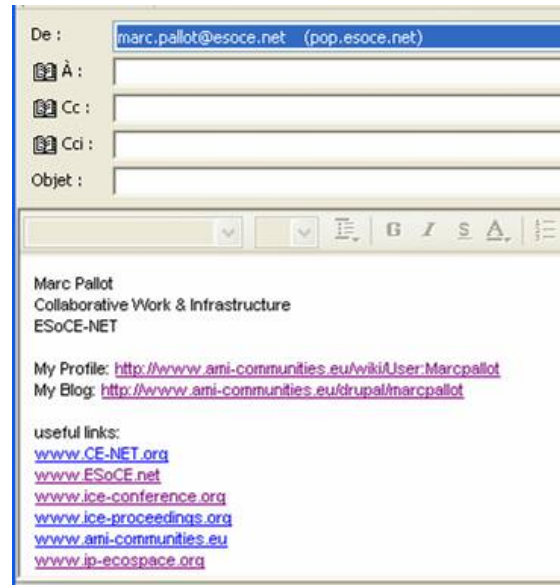


Then you can click on “My blog” to enter into your own individual blog space. Below your “username’s Blog” title located in the top middle column, you will see “Post new blog entry”.

Click on it and a blog entry form will pop-up in the middle column where you can give the

“title” of your entry and the “community blogs” your entry is relevant to (this is a basic categorisation of all blog entries) and then the “body” of your entry (this is where you express whatever you think is relevant). One of the

members!



Now, let’s conclude this article in looking at how to advertise your profile page and individual blog

within, for example, your email signature. Go to your favourite Mail application (e.g. Outlook Express), click on “Tools” and then “Option”, select “Signature” and a form is popping-up where to enter, by copy and past, below your name and affiliation, your personal profile page and blog (see an example with my personal email signature). If you wish you could also enter other useful links such as project websites or



essential aspects is also to resolve any frustration you may have, like saying “Guys, I’m particularly upset by trying to use your website but would be better to do this and that and so on”. This is a way to start a discussion and see whether people are reacting or not....to some voluntary provocation!

So, in conclusion, use the blog to express whatever you think could be useful for the communities’

conferences website you are involved in.

Those links could also be inserted into your Skype profile as well, just edit your Skype profile and copy and past your profile page URL and blog URL into “home page” and “about me”.

We wish you a lot of success in getting connected with new AMIs (friends).

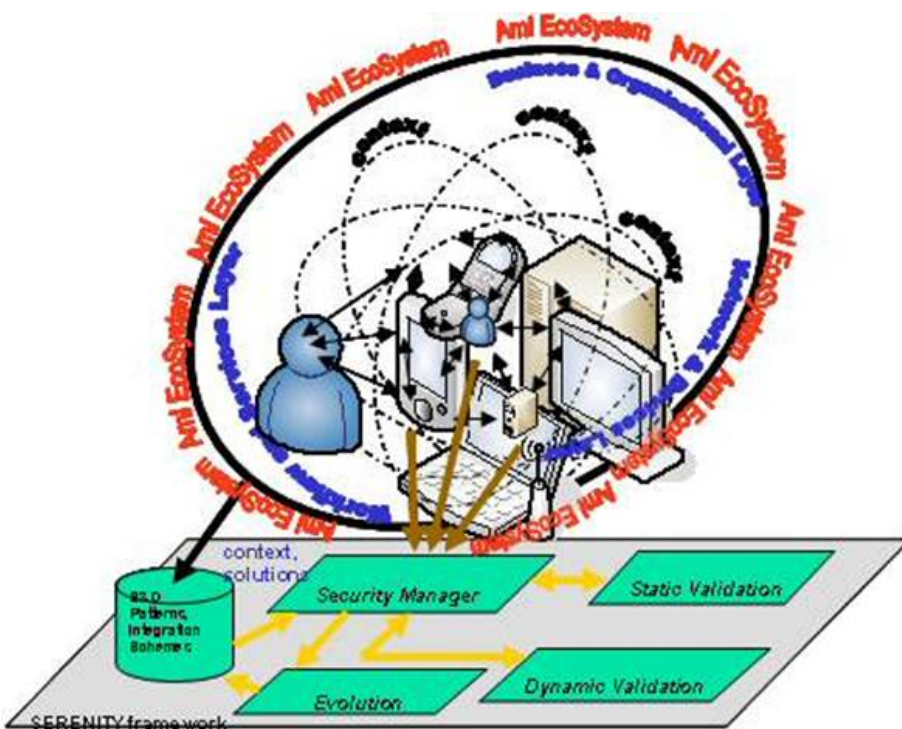
## SERENITY – System Engineering for Security and Dependability

SERENITY, an EU-funded project, part of IST's 6<sup>th</sup> framework program addresses security and dependability issues within ambient intelligence ecosystems. The future of computing and smart items lies in complex, heterogeneous, intelligent and context-aware systems, designed to increase efficiency, user-empowerment and user-friendliness. Yet, within these emerging technologies, huge security, dependability and privacy questions remain so far unanswered. SERENITY has set itself the challenging goal of

firmware configurations. SERENITY will address these issues thanks to five application scenarios: Communications, Smart items, e-business, e-government and Air Traffic Management.

To achieve its goals, SERENITY combines the skills of 15 research and developments institutions coming from both academic and industrial backgrounds: Engineering Ingegneria Informatica (Italy), Athens Technology Centre S.A. (Greece), Atos Origin Anonima Espanola (Spain), City University of London (UK), Deep Blue (Italy),

Fraunhofer SIT (Germany), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), Nokia (Finland), SAP AG (Germany), SETCCE (Slovenia), Stratégies Télécoms & Multimédia (France), Thales (France), University of Trento (Italy), University of Malaga (Spain), University Of The Aegean (Greece). By considering not only static, but also dynamic aspects of security and dependability and by using real-life case studies, SERENITY aims to develop a framework supporting the automated integration, configuration, monitoring and adaptation of security and dependability mechanisms for ambient intelligence ecosystems.



developing specifications, methods and a suite of tools ensuring dependability and security for future ambient intelligence ecosystems. Ambient intelligence systems will contain a large number of heterogeneous computing, communication infrastructures and devices. Moreover, not only systems but also applications will have to make effective use of resources available on-the-fly, and adapt to different hardware and software, and even

The project has been launched in January 2006 in Malaga and all SERENITY activities have been progressing since then. Already, the first deliverables have been completed:

- State-of-the art of all aspects the project is addressing.

- Trends and evolution of existing approaches on modeling security and dependability solutions.
- Preliminary version of security analysis and verification tools for each aspect.
- Report on current usages of security frameworks.
- Implementation of a dissemination strategy (websites, press releases,...).

Recently, the project has edited its first Newsletter gathering the latest News published on the site

<http://www.serenity-forum.org/-Serenity-News-.html>

Find more about SERENITY on its two dedicated websites

<http://www.serenity-project.org>

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**Ambient Intelligence Developments**

**AmI.d conference 2006**

**Research track proceedings available**

**Website: <http://www.amidconference.org>**

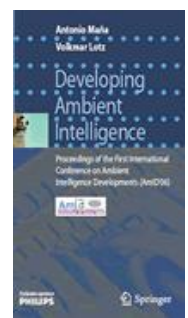
You are invited to take a look at the issues tackled by the new AmI.d conference “Ambient Intelligence Developments” and at its research track proceedings published by Springer Science.

Given the importance and the impact that Ambient Intelligence (AmI) can represent in society, all challenges related to AmI are receiving an increasing interest from the research community. At the same time for AmI technologies to become a reality, a strong industrial support is needed. Industry has also shown an important interest in AmI. Finally, government agencies, standards bodies, and decision-makers are also a key element in this road to the materialization of the AmI vision. The AmI.d conference has been created to bring together all these stakeholders and to promote and disseminate the advances in technologies related or supporting the AmI vision. AmI.d's organisation and program committee deeply believe that the exchange of ideas and the interaction between the different points of view will be mutually beneficial for all stakeholders. Furthermore, they also believe that the realization of the AmI vision will not be possible without such interaction. Consequently, AmI.d's first edition had the objective of providing the means for such interaction to happen, as well as to disseminate and promote awareness of newcomers to the AmI team.

The focus of this first edition of AmI.d has been on the enabling technologies for AmI. In particular, it is believed that the development of new software engineering and security engineering practices especially adapted to the new challenges introduced by AmI ecosystems is a key factor for the real-world development of the AmI concept. AmI.d has been structured around two tracks: a research track and an open one.

The research track's proceedings have been published by Springer Science and are still available. The volume gathers all the papers selected by the conference's programme committee chaired by Professor Javier Lopez of the University of Malaga and co-chaired by Antonio Mana of the University of Malaga and Volkmar Lotz from SAP. Over 30 authors coming from renowned universities and industry research centres contributed to draw a comprehensive state-of-the-art in AmI applications and security research. Among others, the reader will find in-depth analysis of the following topics:

- AmI home services and smart home
- Distributed coordination among agents in competitive survival video games
- Resource optimization in multi-display environments with distributed GRASP
- Security for machine readable documents (RFID and optical memory devices)
- Software engineering techniques applied to AmI (security patterns)
- Design of context-aware ambient services
- Context-aware adaptive trust



All papers have been reviewed and enriched by a team of researchers of the University of Malaga.

These proceedings are still available for order here and AmI@work members are welcome to benefit from the academics' special offer.

In 2007, a second edition of the AmI.d conference will take place in Sophia Antipolis. Check AmI.d's website here for updated news.

## AMI@Events News

by Adam Turowiec



### AMI@Work Family at eChallenges 2006

AMI@Work Family of Communities and the rural@work Community were presented during the eChallenges Conference in Barcelona on Oct. 25-27, 2006. The presentation entitled “AMI@Work Family of Communities Facilitating eWork and eBusiness Innovation and Implementation of the i2010 Initiative” was given by Adam Turowiec during the workshop dedicated to “Breaking Rural Development Barriers through Collaborative Working Environments Related Technologies” that was chaired by DG INFSO’s Krystyna Marek.



### AMI@Work Family at IST4Balt Workshop in Laagri, Estonia



On June 29-30, in Laagri, Estonia, AMI@Work Family of Communities was represented during the IST4Balt Workshop “Baltic ICT community on the way to FP7”. The Family’s Vice-Chair Adam Turowiec introduced the AMI@Work concept, principles and the way it works during two of his presentations – the first related to the specific aspects of a successful involvement of an SME from a New Member State into EC’s Framework Programmes, and another devoted to dispelling popular myths about e-working.

## Next Coming Events

### European Network of Living Labs Conference



and related meetings

Guimarães, Portugal

To be held in the week of 21-25 May 2007

details to be announced at: [www.openlivinglabs.eu](http://www.openlivinglabs.eu) and [www.ami-communities.eu](http://www.ami-communities.eu)



## Next Coming Events

**ICE'2007 Conference, Sophia Antipolis (Nice),  
France 4-6 June 2007**



“Concurrent Innovation: an emerging paradigm for Collaboration & Competitiveness in the extended enterprise”

### **Concurrent (Collaborative) Innovation**

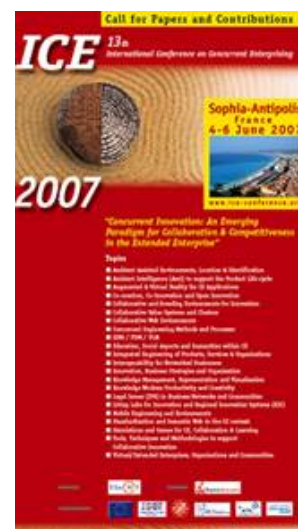
Increasing global competitive environment imposes the compelling need to identify new paradigms, methods, applications and technologies to better support creativeness and innovation. Open Innovation, Co-Creation Living Labs and Front-End Innovation are brand new paradigms addressing the entire product design and development process. Hence the future of Concurrent Enterprising lies within the context of integrated design of customisable products, comprehensive services, and flexible/adaptable organisations where individuals, groups, businesses and communities collaborate together within loosely or tightly coupled networks through the use of on-line shared workspaces.

Now it is time to go a step forward, this is why ICE'2007 main theme is strongly related to the preparation of the new ESoCE-NET vision and roadmap. The previous one, published in 2004 and entitled “A Roadmap towards the Collaborative Enterprise – CE Vision 2010” needs to be revised, updated and complemented according to the up-coming new paradigms, methods, applications and technologies. ICE'2007 participants are invited to this discussion and to take part in this roadmapping exercise. Our current vision is based on recent studies (Gartner and ESoCE-NET) showing that by 2010 most knowledge workers or eProfessionals and citizens will spend 70% of their time working collaboratively and invest a significant part of their time 33% within communities of co-creators, helping them to realize their Knowledge, Business and Social expectations. Furthermore, it is forecasted that by 2010 most European Regions will set up Living Labs as a strategic differentiator for competitive regional development.

Best in class corporations currently perceive that they are approaching a limit of their innovation potential within current organizational structures. Technology is not solving societal issues. A new organisational paradigm is required where individuals break out of the traditional organisation borders and where networks of knowledge worker peers (e.g. professional communities) become the centre of the organisational constellation. Citizens are also involved into the co-creation process as a chance to influence the development of new products and services. The breakthrough concept is to create an entanglement between the network of individuals and the organisations, unleashing the power of collective intelligence in an open innovation environment. The European network of co-creative Living Labs constitutes the foundation of a Common European Innovation System. The Living Lab is an “ICT enabled functional region” empowering the citizens and the professionals of the region, in their real life social settings, to perceive, create and validating innovations solving pressing societal issues in an open collaboration with Industry, Academy and Public Institutions.

But what does this mean in practice and research? How does this change engineering methodologies, applications and tools? How to design tangible and intangible goods in an integrated manner? Which information and communication technologies are needed to support new form of organisations and new ways of working? What is the impact on engineering work and future on-line workplaces? Which social and legal issues need to be considered? How co-creation Living labs could help us in involving all stakeholders (Public-Private partnership), including EU citizens, in the design and experimentation of new approaches, methods and technologies?

These are the burning questions which the ICE 2007 will focus its attention on. It will bring leading researchers and practitioners together from all over the World presenting the newest findings from research and sharing practical cases from industry.



## Instructions for submission

Please submit an extended abstract with 1200 – 1500 words (not less, not more). Describe clearly the purpose and relevance of the paper, references to existing theories and related works, research methods used and major results.

## Important Dates

Online papers submission opens	<b>15 November 2006</b>
Deadline to submit extended abstracts	<b>31 January 2007</b>
Notification of acceptance	<b>1 March 2007</b>
Submission of final papers	<b>15 April 2007</b>

Event website and registration link: [www.ice-conference.org](http://www.ice-conference.org)

ICE'2007 Call-for-Papers and Workshops, announcement and preliminary programme (PDF files):

[http://www.ice-conference.org/projects/480/ICE%202007/other%20materials/Call%20for%20Papers%202007\\_final\\_3.pdf](http://www.ice-conference.org/projects/480/ICE%202007/other%20materials/Call%20for%20Papers%202007_final_3.pdf)

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