



## CALL & INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION



### IPTS – IT STAR International Conference ICT Research and Innovation Challenges in Eastern European Member States (EEMS)

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We are pleased to announce that this joint IPTS-IT STAR conference will be held on Friday, 11 November 2011 at the Danubius Hotel Flamenco – [www.danubiushotels.com/flamenco](http://www.danubiushotels.com/flamenco) in Budapest, Hungary.

Co-organizer: Computer and Automation Research Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

#### Tentative Program

##### 11 November

- 09.00 – 09.30 Conference Opening  
IPTS, IT STAR and Hungarian welcome addresses
- 09.30 – 10.00 **Juraj Stancik**, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) – JRC, EC  
*ICT Research and Innovation Trends and Challenges in EEMS as seen in the 2011 Report on ICT R&D in the EU and other IPTS and EC Research*
- 10.00 – 11.15 **Bruno Lamborghini**, Chairman of the Board, European IT Observatory  
*EITO Overview of ICT activities and R&D Challenges in EEMS*  
**Cene Bavec**, Former Slovenian State Secretary for Technology and IBM Executive  
*Governance issues and incentives for ICT Research and Innovation*  
**Speaker from Industry**  
(Either from a major national enterprise or a multinational with operations in EEMS)  
*Bridging the Gap between Industry and Academia: R & D Challenges*
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 – 13.00 **Panel 1 ICT R&D: The Multi-Stakeholder Partnership in Action**  
4 Panelists  
**Diana Šimić**, University of Zagreb, Chairperson of the eSEE initiative group  
*Challenges for SEE countries in the ICT R&D field*  
**Saulius Maskeliūnas**, President of LIKS Lithuania  
*The Baltic R&D in ICT Scene*
- 13.00 – 14.00 Buffet Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.40 *Country Perspectives of ICT R&D Challenges in EEMS* (including research priorities and products, R&D financing, participation in EC programs)  
**Peter Inzelt**, Director of MTA SZTAKI, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
**Kiril Boyanov**, ICT Institute & **Stefan Dodunekov**, Director of Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
**Branislav Rován**, Professor at Comenius University in Bratislava  
**Marek Holynski**, Director of Computer Science Institute, Warsaw
- 15.40 – 16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 17.30 **Panel 2 Country Perspectives - ICT R&D Competitiveness and Innovative Products**  
4 Panelists
- 17.30 – 18.00 Wrap-up and Closing

Slots in the program and especially in the 2 conference panels will be finalized by the end of September. Expressions of interest for participation and contributions to the program are welcome and should be sent to Plamen Nedkov [nedkov@utanet.at](mailto:nedkov@utanet.at) by 30 September.

Updated conference information will be posted on the conference website and circulated to all interested parties.