



# ANNOUNCEMENT

REGIONAL ICT ASSOCIATION IN CENTRAL, EASTERN & SOUTHERN EUROPE



**1<sup>st</sup> IT STAR** Workshop on R&D in Information and Communication Technology  
*In cooperation with the EU Institute for Prospective Technological Studies in Seville*

## **Enabling ICT R&D in Central and South-Eastern Europe**

11 November 2006, Bratislava, Slovakia

*The Mission of this workshop is to investigate the current state of the ICT related R&D environment in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe so as to draw conclusions and recommendations to facilitate policymaking within the Region and the European Union.*

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### **Program**

The one-day event based on commissioned **National Reports, Position Papers and Panels** will gather 25-30 senior experts to examine

- The impact of socioeconomic changes in CEE on the ICT R&D community;
- Driving forces, problems, success stories and setbacks;
- EU integration processes, current positive economic trends in the Region and their effect on R&D in ICTs;
- The role of ICT related R&D institutions in the techno-economic development of the Information Society - existing relations between the R&D establishment and government, the private sector and civil society organizations;
- What is done and what could be better done for a stronger impact of ICT R&D on societal development.

The Workshop proceedings will be published.

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