

## Introduction to NISE 08



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NISE '08 on 8 November 2008 in Godollo is organized as the 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop in series of successful events of the IT Association for Central, Eastern and Southern Europe – IT STAR.

This particular event will gather key government, academic and civil society representatives, among them

- Government coordinators on Information Society issues
- Rectors of leading national universities
- Presidents and CEOs of national and international societies
- Senior policy advisors and other professionals in the IT field

The Program will scrutinize national information society strategies and policies and key issues of common interest so as to facilitate policy making in the region and internationally. A special focus is laid on IT-Skills, which is, or should be, a priority area for capacity building in the region and the EU.

IT STAR and the Hungarian hosts – the John von Neumann Computer Society – have done their best to ensure a comfortable setting for a creative debate. We are hopeful that the outcome will be another building stone in the elaboration of comprehensive Information Society strategies and policies in Europe.

The NISE '08 participants will have an excellent platform to express themselves on a broad scope of issues within the conference topic, which will further resonate among the national and international communities of Information Society policy-makers.