

ePSINet workshop
Budapest, Hungary
13 May 2005



What is ePSINet?

- Accompanying Measure funded under the EU e-Content programme
 - July 2002 to January 2005
 - CEE extension to July 2005
 - build on PSINet Preparatory Action 2001
- Help create conditions for more effective re-use and commercial exploitation of public sector information
 - support the European Directive - published December 2003

ePSINet Partners

- Essex County Council (UK)- coordinator
- EDItEUR (UK)
- EURA (Denmark)
- ITTIG (Italy)
- MDR (UK)
- PwC Luxembourg
- Zenc (Netherlands)
- *Cities On the Internet Association (Poland) – coordinator ePSINet-CEE*
- *Open Society Institute (Hungary)*
- + Country Co-ordinators in 25 countries

ePSINet: strategic aims (1)

- Build a community of stakeholders around PSI re-use
 - Country co-ordinators and support groups
 - Administrations, re-users, consumer reps
 - Promote knowledge-sharing relationships between sectoral organizations
 - Dialogue with European Associations for PSI



ePSINet: strategic aims (2)

- Assist adoption of beneficial regulatory, standards, and information management frameworks for PSI
 - providing structured access to knowledge
- Support growth of global market potential for European PSI content
 - pan-European content
 - USA 5X 'vision'



Issues and challenges

- PSI a fragmented sector
- Diverse national starting points, administrative and fiscal traditions



Country typology

1. Countries with a limited PSI re-use infrastructure
2. Well-established but unique business environments
3. The 'post-modernists'
4. Public sector cost-recovery models

Other issues and challenges

- What do PSI sectors really want to know?
 - Needs assessment (rolling document)
- Impact of the Directive
 - Emerging practice in regulation
- What PSI exists?
 - Registries of PSI - PSI-Navigator Project
 - Local authorities
- New business areas: what are they?
- Pan-European products: what kind?

ePSINet: main mechanisms

- ePSIGate web portal
- Country Co-ordinator led content supply and dissemination
- National meetings
- Policy Conference, January 2005
- Sustainability: dialogue with European Associations
- Contact with Australia and USA

ePSIGate



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News

> [4/3/2005 Agendas and dates for UK PSI events](#)

The DCF are now inviting people to reserve places for these free events. Contact jane.coulter@dcf.org.uk

Bristol - Watershed Media Centre March 2nd
Birmingham - The Technology Innovation Centre, March 9th
Newcastle - venue tbc, March 30th

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> [4/3/2005 Dates and contacts for ePSINet meetings in New Member States](#)

Provisional dates for the first ePSINet national workshops designed to raise awareness on PSI re-use issues in New Member and Candidate countries are as follows. Further details will be made available soon.

Bulgaria - Sofia, 31 March. Contact: v.kornitska@yahoo.com

Hungary - to be confirmed late April/early May. Contact: szigetip@mtc.hu

Lithuania - 15 April. Contact: k.andrijauskas@vpk.lt

Poland - Warsaw, 5 April. Contact: m.warzala@emcom.pl

Romania - Bucharest, 29 April. Contact: viorica.alexandru@hotmail.com

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> [24/1/2005 ePSINet Policy Conference presentations](#)

The ePSINet Policy Conference, held at the University of Athens on January 14, identified a range of future issues to be addressed in ensuring successful re-use of public sector information.

A full report follows.

ePSIGate

ePSIGate is the Web portal created and maintained by ePSINet, the European Public Sector Information Network. The objective of this portal is to provide a knowledge-sharing, alerting and advisory service targeted to the needs of all stakeholders in Public Sector Information in Europe, including public administrators, commercial users and end-user representatives.

ePSINet, an Accompanying Measure funded under the EU eContent programme, seeks to support cohesive approaches towards Public Sector Information in Europe. It develops knowledge-sharing relationships with and between sectoral organisations, while building international co-operation with the USA and other countries.

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ePSIGate elements

- News and alerting service
- Online Advisory Service
- ePSINet resources
 - PSI Management, PSI Standards, PSI Performance, PSI Regulation
- Other resources
 - Reports, disputes, case studies (good and bad practices)

USA and Australia

- Study visits to Australia/USA – May 2005
- Case study on Australian geospatial sector
 - Report on ePSIGate
 - Presented to Commission members states group meeting, October 2004

Needs assessment

- Helped define policy conference agenda

Issues identified

1. PSI Regulation – monitor transposition into national law
2. The post-Directive agenda
3. What Public Sector Information exists?
4. Local authority information (nb work in Essex)
5. Quality control of PSI
6. Core standards – public-private interoperability

The ePSINet Policy Conference

Adding Value:

Commercial exploitation of Public Sector Information in
Europe

Progress check and future agenda

Athens, 14 January 2005

Post-Directive agenda (state of the art update)

1. change of culture in the public sector
2. 'reward' mechanisms to compensate public sector bodies
3. new approaches to PPP e.g. Industry Action Groups
4. local authorities
5. clarify relationship e-government and PSI re-use
6. national coordination bodies specifically for PSI re-use
7. information architectures to support wide, deep PSI access
8. address PSI data quality
9. public-private sector interoperability framework
10. promote models for licensing and IPR management
11. support creation of cross-sectoral forum at European level
12. specific measures to engage SMEs and micro-enterprises

National workshops

- Raise awareness and debate key issues of PSI and PSI Directive implementation in particular CEE countries
- Bring together key public, private and policy maker stakeholders
 - Bulgaria 31 March
 - Poland 5 April
 - Lithuania 15 April
 - Slovenia 10 May
 - Hungary 13 May
 - Romania 8 June
 - Slovakia, Estonia (June).....



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