21-23 November 2006, IST conference in Helsinki, Finland.

Workgroups:

1. "Networking eParticipation Researchers and Practitioners". A networking session organized by DEMO-net

see:

<http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/istevent/2006/cf/network-detail.cfm?id=988>

2. "Future eGovernment Research". A networking session on future emerging topics of research for eGovernment. The networking session is organised in two parts: a) a series of small presentations from participants, and b) a joint moderated brainstorming session with discussions about new research ideas across four themes (eGovernment systems interoperability, innovative citizen-centric services; eParticipation and democratic decision-making; and emerging technologies for eGovernment)

see:

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/istevent/2006/cf/network-detail.cfm?id=740

3. "eGovernment: Research, Policy, International Dimension". A networking session on the future of eGovernment research based on the eGovRTD2020 project and on international collaboration in research and knowledge transfer.

see:

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/istevent/2006/cf/network-detail.cfm?id=818

4. "ICT Challenges in cross-border trade". A workshop which aims to contribute to e-customs developments in Europe and is relevant for businesses, government officials, researchers on e-Government. The workshop includes presentations of pilots that show how this dilemma is addressed in the ITAIDE project. Experts from academia and business will comment on the e-customs solutions.

see:

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/istevent/2006/cf/network-detail.cfm?id=768

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