

**10th Conference of Members of Parliaments
of Europe on Information and Communication
Technologies, Dublin, 27 – 28 March 2008**



The Digital Dividend:

- How Parliamentarians can secure greater voter participation at elections and increased public interest in politics using Information and Communications Technologies -

Conference Languages: English and French.

Thursday, March 27th, 2008

<i>Time</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
12:00-13:00	Coffee and Registration	
13:00 - 15:00	Lunch hosted by the Ceann Comhairle, Mr. John O'Donoghue, T.D., in Leinster House	
15:00 - 15:10	Welcome address	John O'Donoghue, T.D., Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann.
15:10 – 15:40	Information about the conference programme	Session Chair
	Summary of the 9 th EPRI conference in Lisbon	José Lello, MP Assembly of the Republic, Portugal
15:40 – 16:10	Can e-voting increase voter turnout?	Charlotte Cousins, Senior Researcher, Office of the Houses of the Oireachtas
16:10 – 16:40	ePetitions in the Scottish Parliament – Making Parliament relevant to Citizens.	Fergus Cochrane, Clerk to the ePetitions Committee of the Scottish Parliament
16:40 – 17:00	Coffee break	
17:00 – 17:30	Closing the Digital Divide	Susanne Dirks, IBM (requested)
17:30 – 17:45	eParticipation tools: Can they enable and improve good governance of elected assemblies	Vasilis Koulolias, Founder and Executive Director of Gov2u, Greece
17:45 - 18:00	Open discussion and Closure of the 1 st Day	
19:00 – 24:00	Traditional Irish Evening at Johnnie Fox 's Pub, Glencullen, Co. Dublin	

Friday, March 28th, 2008

<i>Time</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
09:00 - 09:30	Coffee	
09:30- 09:35	Welcome by the Chairman	
09:35 - 10:00	Internet voting initiative: additional secure channel (confirmed)	Mr. Hannes Astok, MP, Estonia
10:00 - 10:25	Estonian Internet voting, the technical/procedural side	Tarvi Martens, Project Manager I-voting, Estonia
10:30- 11:00	Addressing the constituency through social networks: how to succeed, how to fail	Dr. Christoph Bieber, Scientist, University of Giessen (Germany); Analyst of Web-based communication of parties and political campaigns
11:00 - 11:30	Elections and Technology – an Irish Parliamentary Experience	Senator Joe O’Toole, Ireland
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break	
12:00 - 12:45	Panel Discussion	Moderator: Klemens Gutmann, Germany
12:45 - 13:00	Summary, resolution and conclusion	
13:00	Closure	
13:00 - 13:15	Photo session	
13:15 - 15:30	Optional: lunch and tour of the Guinness Storehouse, St. James’ Gate	