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Extension for Registration 8th EPRI Conference: NEW DEADLINE MARCH 3rd, 2006

The EPRI Secretariat is pleased to inform you that the Registration Deadline for the 8th EPRI conference has been extended to March 3rd. The conference will be hosted by the President of the Czech Senate and will take place in the Czech Senate in Prague, March 15-16, 2006. The theme of the 8th Conference will be:

"At the cross point of eGovernment & eDemocracy: How ICT in the parliamentary environment is setting standards in participation and usage".

The whole conference is set up as a sequel of three different stages. First the current state-of-the-art with regard to the diffusion of eGovernment & eDemocracy tools and applications, secondly a view to the future and thirdly the introduction of leading examples in the field of eGovernment & eDemocracy. This archway, starting from the state-of-the-art towards leading examples will be reflected by the presentations held. At the end of the day a round table discussion will multiplex all information gathered during the day and will highlight them in terms of how ICT in the parliamentary world is setting standards in participation and usage in the field of eGovernment & eDemocracy.

The preliminary Agenda is available at www.epri.org. For registration please go to www.senat.cz/epri2006

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Advance notice: 2nd EPRI workshop

The 2nd workshop is designed to focus efforts on the role national parliaments are playing in reconnecting with their citizens, with particular reference to the EU 'post-constitution' debate. This workshop comes out of the participation of our members at the ministerial eGovernment conference in Manchester 2005, from which our conclusions were appreciated and taken on board by the European Commission in preparation of their eGovernment Action Plan. It is hoped that the conclusions from this meeting will similarly have an impact at EU decision-making level. The specific content is prepared in collaboration with the participants. During the workshop which will take place in the Austrian Parliament in spring 2006, a main objective will be to develop a common parliamentary perspective on "dialogue and reconnection with citizen on domestic and European matters". For further information please contact:

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- **Local e-Gov London EXPO, The National Event, April 4-5, 2006, London, UK**
- **Eastern Europe eGov Days, April 19-22, 2006, Prague, Czech Republic**
- **ECEG 2006 → 6th European Conference on eGovernment, April 27-28, 2006, Marburg, Germany**
- **IST Africa Conference, May 3-5, 2006, Pretoria, South Africa**

Local e-Gov London EXPO

This official event is the largest e-government conference in the UK specifically designed for local authorities, which will bring together local e-government projects, national project product sets, relevant stakeholders and a huge range of e-government service providers. The event will explore in detail the four key EXPO themes of:

- Transformation: e-Enablement in Action
 - Innovation: A Valuable Source of Change
 - Take-Up: Encouraging the Citizen to make the move to eServices
 - Efficiency: Mainstreaming e-Government
- <http://www.localgovexpo.org.uk/>

Eastern Europe eGov Days 2006

The Eastern European e|Gov Days - now already in its third year - has become a key platform in making technology transfer successful between the Eastern European countries and Western Europe. The main role of the event is having a communication platform, where best practice is exchanged.

The event has been organised by the e|Government Forum of the Austrian Computer Society and other partners, and will take place in Prague. <http://www.ocg.at/eqov/eeegovdays06.html>

ECEG 2006, 6th European Conference on eGovernment

ECEG offers a valuable opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others working and researching in the field of eGovernment. The conference targets academics, practitioners as well as policy-makers. eGovernment, eVoting, eDemocracy and ePolitics are relevant at local, national and European levels of government. They are an integral part of the drive to radically transform the delivery of public services and increase the effectiveness of government through the adoption of advanced information and communications technology (ICT). As the conference organisers put it: "eGovernment is clearly not only about technology – it is about reinventing the way in which public sector service providers and citizens interact...."
<http://www.academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2006/eceg06-home.htm>

IST Africa Conference

The IST-Africa conference 2006 takes place at the CSIR International Convention Centre Pretoria, South Africa as part of the IST-Africa Initiative, which is supported by the European Commission under the IST Programme of FP6. IST-Africa 2006 is the first in an Annual Conference Series which will bring together delegates from commercial, government & research organisations across Africa and from Europe, to bridge the Digital Divide by sharing knowledge, experience, lessons learnt and good practice. The conference is open for registration at <http://www.ist-africa.org/>