



European Survey of Information Society

NEWSLETTER

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About ESIS

In January 1997, the Information Society Project Office (ISPO) of the European Commission set up a survey of European Information Society Projects and Actions. This project covered the 15 EU Member States until January 1999. At this date, in the framework of the PROMISE programme, ESIS was further extended to 25 Central and Eastern European and Mediterranean countries to run until January 2001. In 2000, a continuation phase for the 15 EU Member States was also implemented with a narrower scope.

The ESIS project holds information on a broad range of commercial and publicly funded Information Society (IS) application projects in Europe, the CEEC and the Mediterranean.

It aims to provide a tool for benchmarking, knowledge, communication, partnership and the promotion of best practice examples. Furthermore, it can serve as a navigation tool for all key actors and help in the promotion of the Information Society.

More precisely, ESIS combines different categories of information:

- An **inventory of IS projects**, which is the core of ESIS. These projects must use ICT in an innovative, interactive way and provide remote access. They may concern a large number of social and economic sectors and be initiated by national, regional, public and private organisations, or through partnerships set up between public and private groups. This inventory is conducted on the basis of a standardised questionnaire that is filled in by project promoters and entered into a database.

This enables national and transnational qualitative and quantitative analysis based on standardised data and statistics.

- The monitoring and regular analysis of **regulatory developments** and **alternative networks**.

- The collection and dissemination of **basic facts and indicators** on IS and Internet developments.

- A permanent overview of public and private **promotional actions** aimed at favouring the development of the IS.

- The mapping of public and private **key person contacts and organisations** (KPCO) that are active in the field of IS.

A series of country-level and synthesis reports covering these topics is prepared each quarter. Information on projects, promotional activities and KPCO is also entered into national databases, which in turn are consolidated into a central database. All this comprehensive material is accessible through the **ESIS Knowledge Base** on the Internet.

The European Commission has made the general findings and statistical results openly available to all parties with a strong interest in the development and progress of IS initiatives, including business, industry and social partners, national and regional public bodies, research organisations, various European Commission directorates, as well as the general public.

Web Site: <http://www.ispo.cec.be/esis>

What's New



- **15 October 2000** - Publication of the ESIS Report: "Public Strategies for the Information Society in the Member States of the European Union"

- **13 October 2000** - The Tunisian ESIS Team organised a workshop in Tunis
- **September 2000** - The Estonian Team has prepared a special CD-ROM describing the development of the Information Society in Estonia

- **15 September 2000** - Launch of the Algerian ESIS web site: <http://www.esis.org.dz/>

- **23 June 2000** - The Albanian ESIS Team organised a seminar in Tirana on "Opportunities for Information Society Developments in Albania".

ESIS Knowledge Base

The **ESIS Knowledge Base** is on-line at <http://www.ispo.cec.be/esis>. It is a powerful mechanism that enables the user to search and use the wealth of data, synthesis and analysis assembled by ESIS. All the results of ESIS are accessible via a unified single screen

portal with simple and advanced search choices for the user. This information source is therefore an essential guide for all persons concerned with the development of IS in the EU, CEEC and Mediterranean regions.



ESIS Knowledge Base

An ISPO Information Service



Simple search | **Projects** | **Promotional activities** | **Key contacts** | **Documents**

Find this:

Find Results on: Projects Promotional activities Key contacts Documents

Area/Country concerned:

Forthcoming

■ **17 November 2000** - Updated Basic Facts and Indicators for the development of the IS in the 15 Member States of the European Union released on the ESIS Knowledge Base.

■ **20 November 2000** - Updated ESIS reports and databases including regulatory developments, WWW indicators, promotional activities and KPCO for CEEC and the

Mediterranean released on the ESIS Knowledge Base.

■ **21 November 2000** - A conference on "Information Society and the New Economy - Public-Private Partnerships in Practice" will be organised in Prague by the Czech Republic ESIS Team.

Please see: <http://www.park.cz/esis/4p/>.

ESIS and IST



ESIS is a valuable tool for all persons, organisations and policy-makers promoting the use of Information and communication technologies in the 15 Member States of the European Union, CEEC and the Mediterranean, especially in the sphere of Internet and eCommerce activities.

Moreover, the ESIS Knowledge Base contains details on thousands of IS projects, actors, organisations, events and relevant regulations throughout the 40 studied countries. In this context, ESIS has a lot to offer IST projects and actors as a knowledge and best practice resource.

Contact

The ESIS project is led by ISAC / ISPO of the European Commission. It is supported by an external Project Management Team in charge of the co-ordination, data centralisation and synthesis, database and web management.

ESIS is conducted in a decentralised manner. The Survey is carried out by a national ESIS team in each of the 40 countries. The contact details for each team can be found in the ESIS Knowledge Base.

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