

eEurope Awards News Update¹



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Winners of first-ever eEurope Awards for eHealth announced in presence of 33 ministers
The 4 Prize winners for the eEurope Awards for eHealth and have been announced at a formal ceremony held in the presence of 33 Ministers and European Commissioners Erkki Liikanen and David Byrne, during the eHealth Conference in Brussels.

As reported in previous EIPA editions, the awards competitions are managed by EIPA within the framework of a contract in with the Commission. The awards were announced by Prof. Dr Gérard Druésne, Director-General of the European Institute of Public Administration – chairman of Awards Committee, and presented to the winners by Commissioners Erkki Liikanen and David Byrne, Costas Stefanis, Greek Minister for Health, and Manolis Stratakis, Greek Deputy Transport and Communications Minister.

The prize winners and runners-up were chosen by an

independent jury, assessing the 42 best practices that had already been selected to exhibit at the conference, by an independent panel of experts.

The Commission foresees a total of four eEurope Awards competitions in 2003-2005, two in eHealth and two in eGovernment, organised with the support of the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht (NL). The present competition for the “eEurope Awards in eHealth” was launched through a public Call to identify current best practices in the field. This led to 42 exhibits being selected from 180 applications received.

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Further information on the eEurope Awards may be found at: <http://www.e-europeawards.org/>

Winners of eHealth Awards

Title	Description	Organisation & Place	Country
EVISAND	Virtual environment for healthcare	Consejería de Salud, Junta de Andalucía, Seville	Spain
SJUNET	National IT infrastructure for healthcare in Sweden	Carelink, Stockholm	Sweden
COHERENCE	Information system for successful hospital restructuring	Georges Pompidou European Hospital (HEGP), Paris	France
NHS Direct	NHS direct on-line website	National Health Service, Southampton	UK

Honorable Mention given to:

Title	Description	Organisation & Place	Country
MEDCOM	The Danish healthcare network	Danish Centre for Health Telematics, Odense	Denmark
HYGEIANET	Regional health information network of Crete	Venizeleion Regional Hospital, Crete	Greece
SURGETICA	Computer assisted medical interventions & surgeries	TIMC-IMAG (CNRS & UJF), CHU, Grenoble	France
BHC Project	Boario Home Care Project	Salvatore Maugeri Foundation, Pavia	Italy



eEurope Awards for eHealth: Award winners from Spain, showing the Trophy. EIPA commissioned Artworks with the design of the award and Swarovski with its production.

Second eEurope Awards for eGovernment coming up!¹

Personalised services and improved productivity

65 applications representing “the best practices of public administrations in Europe” have been selected for exhibition at the EU’s Ministerial Conference eGovernment 2003, taking place 7-8 July in Villa Erba, Como (Italy).

Ministers responsible for public administration and for telecommunications from some 40 countries will attend the high level eGovernment conference. The Como ministerial conference is seen as a particularly important event in the calendar of the Italian Presidency.

The best practice cases will provide evidence of the changes that public administrations need to make in their own organisation and in skills of employees in order for eGovernment to deliver its full potential. An exhibition within the conference centre will show examples of the best practices already being implemented in Europe. Exhibits were selected by a panel of independent experts from 357 applications received. Municipal, regional and national administrations from 14 Member States, from 12 Accession Countries, from Switzerland and from Norway responded to the call for exhibits. The conference will culminate with a Ministerial declaration, and the presentation of eEurope Awards to the best of the exhibitors.

As reported in previous EIPA editions, the eEurope 2005 Action Plan identifies a number of key target areas in which services, applications and content should be stimulated. The provision of modern online public services in areas such as eGovernment, eHealth, and eLearning is a key element in this strategy. eEurope aims to build upon existing experiences by identifying and

exploiting good practices, and promoting them as showcases.

A total of four eEurope Awards competitions are foreseen to take place between 2003 and 2005, organised with the support of the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht (NL).

The competition for the “eEurope Awards in eGovernment” was launched with a call for applications to identify current best practices in this field. Having now been selected by independent evaluators, the successful applicants are being offered the opportunity to give a demonstration at the upcoming eGovernment conference. The eEurope awards themselves will be presented to the best applications by representatives of the Commission and of the Presidency, in a plenary session of the conference.

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