

Conference: Yorkshire Digital Eco-system

“Yorkshire Digital eco-system” – removing the barriers.

January 31st 2008.

Magna Centre, South Yorkshire.

The Initiative

Sheffield City Council and its EU eTEN Project teams, with EASY Connects, invite you to attend an event to show how all the current work feeds in to the evolution of the “Yorkshire Digital Eco-system”.

This event will demonstrate how a new regional initiative “PIE”, currently being developed with the support of Yorkshire Forward (the regional development agency), will act as a catalyst in breaking down remaining barriers, which are currently preventing a fully “joined-up approach” from materialising. The barriers are interfering with the ability for SMEs and administrations to fully deal on line between them-

selves, due to a variety of easily overcome obstacles. The focus will be on showing applications and projects which have tangibly developed solutions which positively offer answers to the various current obstructions. They utilise mature technology and demonstrate how each part is contributing to solving a wider issue of interoperability and will also reflect on how the equally significant legal obstacles will be removed.

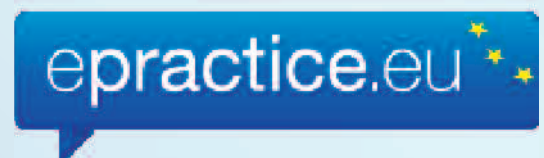
Examples of the issues to be covered include:

- How do we identify online users who are not part of a single organisation?
- How do we offer secure messaging between or-

ganisations?

- How do we overcome current legal barriers to moving to a completely paperless environment – issues such as digital signature, time-stamping and archival.
- How do different back-office “accounting systems” seamlessly relate to each other?
- How do we involve citizens?
- Can new payment mechanisms evolve once everyone is securely connected?

These individual contributions will illustrate how we can move forward and create a true “digital-eco system”.



For further information contact shaun.topham@ukonline.co.uk

How do we maintain the “digital eco-system” and get it to expand across the EU and wider afield? How do we keep ahead of European legislation and “future-proof”?

- The leading academic network in the UK researching eGovernment will address “What next?”
- New EU wide networks of best practice supported by the high level EU epractice will be led from Yorkshire.
- Connecting globally? The EU-China IST project will show how Yorkshire can be interoperable with China before others achieve this.

In support of the PIE project, many other organisations will be presenting how they can contribute to the evolution of the digital eco-system. These include:

W.SPES Project. (www.wspes.org)

FAST Project

EU-Pay Project (www.eu-pay.org)

Pharmaclick Project (www.pharmaclick.eu)

EU-China IST project (www.eu-china-info.org)

EASY Connects (www.easyconnects.org.uk)

EU e-Forum (www.eu-forum.org)

eGISE network of universities (www.egise.org)

Norwegian National Computer Centre (www.nr.no)

Brunel University (www.brunel.ac.uk)

CSI Piemonte (www.csipiemonte.it)

Torino, Italy (www.comune.torino.it)

Sunderland City Council (www.sunderland.gov.uk)

City of Bremerhaven (www.bit.bremerhaven.de)

Dundee City Council (www.dundee.gov.uk)

City of Koper (www.koper.si)

Province of Piacenza (www.provincia.piacenza.it)

Province of Prato (www.provincia.prato.it)

Saarbruecken, Germany (www.saarbruecken.de)

Ministry of Health, Italy (www.ministerosalute.it)

University of Malta (www.um.edu.mt)

Q-Sphere, UK (www.q-sphere.com)

VTT, Finland (www.vtt.fi)

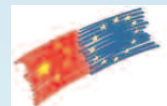
Queen Mary, University of London (www.qmul.ac.uk)

Communauté d'Agglomération Périgourdine (www.agglo-perigueux.fr)

Technical University of Varna (www-en.tu-varna.acad.bg)

Region of Valencia (www.comunitatvalenciana.com)

Caisse des Dépôts et Consignments, France (www.caissedesdepots.fr)



Among the very wide range of applications which will be demonstrated include:

- How locally online prescriptions are being introduced
- How the French government sends secure documents such as birth certificates.
- How the Germans grant permission for the wording a stonemason chisels on a grave stone!
- How new payment mechanisms might save money.
- How to recognise digital credentials issued by other organisations.

W-SPES Project

A key ingredient in the South Yorkshire digital eco-system is for a SME to be able to be identified and authenticated online. Additionally, these digital credentials need to be recognised across Europe to maximise economic advantage. Legal obstacles still exist in transacting fully online and this workshop will demonstrate the advantages of this technology (known as PKI-public key infrastructure)for SMEs and how the W-SPES project has tackled the problems of interoperability.

The problem with this technology in the past has been the lack of applications needing it and so no incentive to deploy it. Hopefully this circle has been broken by the range of applications to be demonstrated developed across the EU by the partners in this project and presented in such a way that the local value can be appreciated. We will also look at existing legal barriers, such as those linked to archiving and time stamping and security in messaging- all issues covered by the FAST project. The website is at www.wspes.org

Magna is officially the best events venue in the UK, winning the Enjoy England award for Business Tourism in 2006. The venue is a former steelworks turned events venue and attendees will also be able to tour the museum. Magna is located on Sheffield Road, Templeborough, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1DX. The nearest airports to Sheffield are Doncaster Sheffield, Manchester, Leeds Bradford and East Midlands. A selection of **hotels** in Sheffield can be found at <http://www.creativesheffield.co.uk>



There will be a dinner, which will be held in Sheffield, on the 30th January 2008 to which attendees will be invited. Speakers for the conference are to be announced shortly. The event is free but if you wish to attend please send the following details by email to shaun.topham@ukonline.co.uk:

- name
- organisation
- position within organisation
- email contact


MAGNA

