



International Webcast Conference  
**Economic participation in the age of networking:  
Digital Ecosystems of  
Knowledge, Business and Services**



**Achievements of the first 3 years and future perspectives of the  
Collaborative EU research and deployment of  
Digital Business Ecosystems**

November 7th 2007  
Albert Borschette Conference Centre (CCAB) – Room 0A  
Rue Froissart 36, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium  
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**08:30 – 09:00 Registration**

**Opening**

09:00 – 09:05 **Gérald Santucci**, European Commission, Welcome & Introduction

**Opening Keynote**

09:05 – 10:05 **Bruce Perens**. Sourcelabs, "Open Source infrastructures for economic development"

10:05 – 10:20 Q&A session to the Keynotes speakers, including on-line audience

**Research on Digital Ecosystems and Web Science**

10:20 – 10:40 **Harry Halpin**, University of Edinburgh  
"The Web Science Research Initiative in USA and the European Web 2.0: Centralization or Decentralization?"

**EU research on Ecosystems: Achievements in FP6 and perspectives**

10:40 – 10:50 **Andrea Nicolai**, T6 "The Digital Business Ecosystem": the vision, the strategy and its results"

10:50 – 11:00 **Paolo Dini**. London School of Economics, OPAALS. "How fundamental science contributes to the vision of Digital Ecosystems"

**11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15 The Digital Business Ecosystem adoption awards**

SME Digital Ecosystem adoption awards

The winners SMEs present their experiences

Regional Digital Business Ecosystem Pilot award :

The winner region presents its experience

**Round Table**

**Networks and Ecosystems of Innovation supporting SMEs  
and regional development: Perspectives from EU research**

Panel composed of MEPs, members ITRE Committee of the European Parliament

11:45 – 12:15 Introductory Speeches

- Paul Rübig (PPE)
- David Hammerstein (Greens)
- Patrizia Toia (ALDE)
- Umberto Guidoni (GUE/NGL)

12:15 – 12:45 Panel and floor discussion, including on-line audience questions

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch Break

### Science – Talks on Future perspectives of research

14:00 – 14:20 **Francis Heylighen**, Free University of Brussels, Dpt. of Philosophy, Centre Leo Apostel "Stigmergy: a fundamental paradigm for digital ecosystems?"

### Deployment - Keynote Talks

Chairperson: Gérald Santucci, DG INFSO

14:20 – 14:40 **Olga Memedovic**, UNIDO, Private Sector Development Branch. "DE and regional innovation systems as public goods for economic development".

14:40 – 15:00 **Johannes Keizer**, FAO, Information and Knowledge Management "Digital Ecosystem of Knowledge for Development in Agriculture, DEAL, the Indian case"

15:00 – 15:20 Q&A session to the Keynotes speakers, including on-line audience (questions from the crowd – on-line).

### Deployment : Achievements and perspectives

#### Success stories of technological transfer and adoption:

##### regional digital business ecosystems

15:20 – 15:35 **Fernando A. Beltrán**, Aragón Region

15:35 – 15:45 **Paul Nash**, West Midlands Region

##### Perspectives on regional development and community building

15:45 – 15:55 **Javier Val** (Aragón) and **Silvano de Iesu** (Lazio)

Presentation of REDEN: Regions for Digital Ecosystems Network

15:55 – 16:15 Q&A session (questions from the crowd – on-line) .

16:15 – 16:30

Coffee Break

### Round Table

### Digital Business Ecosystems: an instrument supporting SMEs and local development

Panel composed by representatives of Regional Governments, Development Agencies and Innovation Agencies

16:30 – 17:10 Introductory Speeches

- **Pierre Paradinas**, INRIA
- **Simon Lavin**, Welsh Assembly Government
- **Catriona Ward**, Enterprise Ireland
- **Carolina Marco Bellver**, Generalitat Valenciana

Milano

17:10 – 17:30 Panel and floor discussion, including on-line audience.

17:30

End of Conference

The conference will be recorded and interpreted in 5 languages; the videos will be available for download in all the 5 languages on the website of the conference: <http://de-2007.eu>

