International Symposium Agenda

Time	Day One - Thursday	Supported by:
9:25am	**Symposium Introduction** **Dylan Jeffrey**, *CLG, Symposium Director*	
9:30am	**Opening Plenary: The Case for Citizen Empowerment** **Rt. Hon. Hazel Blears MP**, *Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government, UK* **Hon. Ina Gudele**, Special Assignments Minister for Electronic Government Affairs, Latvia **Hon. Richard Mdakane**, Speaker of the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, South Africa **Hon. Sec. Pedro Cortes**, *Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, USA*	Communities and Local Government
11:00am	**Coffee Break**	
	Late-morning sessions begin: Please choose one of the three seminars below to attend	
11:15am	**Citizen Empowerment: Where do we begin?** Chair: **Andrew Phillips**, *President, Citizenship Foundation* **Diane Downey,** *Assistant Corporate Head of ICT – Delivery, Sunderland City Council* **Richard Wilson,** *Managing Director of Involve* **Steve Dale,** *Associate, Improvement and Devlopment Agency (IDeA)* **Matt Rhodes,** *Head of Research, FreshNetworks*	Communities and Local Government
	Regulating eDemocracy: What preparations are being made for regulation in Europe? Chair: **Dr Michael Remmert**, *Head of Good Governance in the Information Society, Council of Europe* **Dr. Lasse Berntzen**, *Associate Professor at Vestfold University College, Norway* **Miranda Brugi**, *Adjunct Professor, School of Engineering, University of Padova, Italy* **Thomas M. Buchsbaum**, *Chair, Council of Europe CAHDE Committee, Ministry of European and International Affairs, Austria* **Prof. Sylvia Kierkegaard**, *President, Int. Association of IT Lawyers, Denmark* **Matt Poelmans,** *Director, Burgerlink (Citizenlink), ICTU, Netherlands*	COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE
	Web 2.0: Is this the new dawn for campaigning? Chair: **Cllr. Mary Reid**, *Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames*	

	Cllr. David Speirs, *Bath and North East Somerset* **Steve Webb MP***, Northavon* **James Crabtree,** *Prime Minister's Strategy Unit*	ice**le** International Centre of Excellence for **Local eDemocracy**
12:45pm	**Lunch**	
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2:00pm	**eParticipation Global Update: What's the Latest Best Practice from around the World?** **Chair: Richard Kerby,** *Senior Inter-Governmental Advisor, United Nations* **Ivar Tallo***, Head of eParticipation Research, UNITAR* **Carolyn Lukensmeyer**, *President and Founder, AmericaSpeaks* **Tiago Peixoto**, *Research Fellow, European University Institute, Florence* **Michael Stanley-Jones,** *Environmental Information Management Officer UNECE*	**UNDESA**
	Getting Together Online: What can the public sector learn from the private sector? **Chair: Caroline Robertson**, *Business Development Director, Oracle* **Annette King**, Digital *Birmingham Innovation Manager, Birmingham City Council* **Alan Bell**, *Managing Director, Bell Consulting and Services Ltd* **Simon Jones**, *Head of Communications, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham* **Ellie Stoneley**, *UKVillages* **Martin Cantor,** *Secretary, South Yorkshire Public Sector e-Forum*	ice**le** International Centre of Excellence for **Local eDemocracy**
	Blogging: How do you get started? **Chair: Matthew Ellis**, *Chair of ICELE and County Councillor, Staffordshire County Council* **Iain Dale**, *Political Blogger and Analyst* **Andrew Brown,** *Councillor 2.0* **Cllr. Stephen Tall**, *Oxford City Council and Lib Dem Blogger of the Year in 2006* **Cllr. Luke Akehurst**, *London Borough of Hackney*	ice**le** International Centre of Excellence for **Local eDemocracy**
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4:00pm	**Plenary** **Eric Pickles MP**, *Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government* **Community Empowerment Using Technology: Who owns this and how should it be delivered?** **Margaret Moran MP**, *Luton South* **Michael Cross**, *Public Sector Journalist, The Guardian* **Guy Giles**, *Operations Manager, Digi TV*	
5:30pm	**Young People and eParticipation: Can X-Factor excitement beat bureaucratic boredom?** **Chair: Tom Gaskin**, *Project Co-ordinator, Norfolk Blurb* **Kirsten Francis**, *Parent and Carer Involvement Officer* **Carsten Bunk**, *Social Worker, Germany* **Sam Headland**, *Text Pal Volunteer* **Vicky Caswell**, *Member of Norfolk Youth Fund and Norwich Young Carers Group* **Abby Peirson**, *Norfolk Blurb Volunteer* **David Mills**, *Norfolk Blurb Volunteer* **Shane McCracken**, *Gallomanor*	
	Pan European Projects: What's new for cross border citizen empowerment? **Chair: Julia Glidden**, *Managing Director, 21c Consultancy Ltd* **Paolo Boscolo**, *EU-Pay, Comune di Prato* **Katja Kaunismaa**, *eCitizen Project Director, Baltic Institute of Finland* **Anna Triantafillou**, *Momentum Project, Athens* **Albinas Baciliunas**, *President, BMG Consulting Ltd*	ice**le** International Centre of Excellence for **Local eDemocracy**
	Virtual Worlds: Do you need a secondlife? **Chair: Daniel van Lerberghe**, *Politech Institute, Belgium* **Vin Sumner**, Director of Second Places **Gez Smith**, *eDemocracy Consultant, Delib*	POLITECH Political Technologies *Reinvent Politics & Governance in Cyberspace*
7:00pm	**ICELE International Awards Announcement and Evening Reception**	

Time	Day Two - Friday	Sponsored by:
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9:30am	**Spotting Trends: Which new concepts will impact participation in the near future?** **Chair: Leslie Reynolds,** *Executive Director of NASS* **Ian Smith,** *Chief Executive, European Centre of Excellence for Automatic Identification and Data Capture* **Hon. Sec. Pedro Cortes,** *Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, USA* **Conn Crawford,** *Sunderland City Council* **Mark Cleverley,** *Government Transformation Consultant, IBM*	
	From Research to Reality: What lessons have been learnt from research evidence? **Chair: Prof. Lawrence Pratchett,** *Director of the Local Governance Research Unit, De Montfort University* **Prof. Rachel Gibson,** *Political Science, University of Manchester* **Dr Efthimios Tambouris,** *CERTH/ITI and University of Macedonia* **Prof. Peter Beresford,** *Centre for Citizen Participation, Brunel University* **Jeremy Millard,** *Senior Consultant, Danish Technological Institute, Centre for Policy and Business Analysis*	
	Transforming Services: How can citizen participation improve communities? **Chair: Ian White,** *Public Sector Industry Director, Oracle* **Marco Meesters,** Consultant and Researcher at Zenc **Arre Zuurmond,** *Partner and Founder of Zenc* **Oliver Vaartna,** *Adviser, State Chancellery of the Republic of Estonia, Strategy Office of the Prime Minister* **Juan Gonzalez-Mellizo,** *Project Officer, eGovernment Unit, European Commission* **Matt Poelmans,** *Director, Burgerlink (Citizenlink), ICTU, Netherlands*	

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2:00pm	**Managing Success: What happens to outcomes of large scale citizen empowerment?** **Chair: Tom Steinberg**, *Founder and Director, MySociety* **Paul Hilder,** *Campaigns Director, Avaaz.org* **Sara Ashton,** *Web and New Media Manager, Amnesty International* **Thomas Noirfalisse,** *Internet Content Manager, Oxfam International* **Juan González-Mellizo,** *Programme Manager, eGovernment and CIP Operations, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission*	
	Remodelling the Legislative Process: Can ICT be the solution for enhancing citizen-to-decision maker relations? **Chair: Bror Salmelin**, *Policy Advisor, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission* **Vasilis Koulolias**, *Director, Gov2u* **Trond Undheim**, *Director, Standards Strategy and Policy EMEA, Oracle and Former Senior Advisor to the Government of Norway* **John J. O'Flaherty**, *Technical Director, MAC Ltd* **Dr David R. Newman**, *Queens University Management School, Belfast*	
1:00pm	**Closing Plenary** **Paul Waller**, *Director, Digital Inclusion Team, City of London* **Cllr. Matthew Ellis**, *Chair of ICELE and County Councillor, Staffordshire County Council* **Dylan Jeffrey**, *Symposium Director, CLG*	
1.45pm	**Lunch and Networking**	