

PARADISO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP JUNE 12-13, 2008

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PARADISO VISION AND ACTIVITIES

The effective stability and soundness of the current development paths of our societies are more and more often questioned today, as serious risks of breakdown of societal models are more and more clearly in sight. In order to avoid major worldwide crises, it is likely that developed, emerging and developing countries will need to agree, sooner or later, on an alternative way forward. Europe is undoubtedly well placed today to proactively promote a new concept of progress, based on a true sustainable development, a more sustainable economic growth, more equally shared resources. The perspective of this disruptive paradigm shift is not bad news for citizens, whose well-being, measured through a new index, should be the ultimate goal of revised social, economic and environmental objectives. It is not bad news for companies: innovation is needed, particularly in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).



The PARADISO project, launched in March 2008 with the support of the European Commission (DG Information Society and Media), aims at identifying strategic research directions on network and service ICT infrastructures in the hypothesis of the disruptive paradigm evoked above. It will explore this possible paradigm shift, analyze what such a future would precisely be, and evaluate the conditions for this vision to become reality, in particular through the promotion of a new index measuring the progress of societies. It will investigate the role that ICT can play in the hypothesis of new global societal developments, and derive the strategic research areas that can usefully be explored in the short term in order that suited solutions can be made available in the future.

The project construction is pragmatic, and aims at achieving results in the short term (within 12 months). The paradigm will be explored - and the innovative research directions identified - through a "reference document" based to a large extent on an open consultation and on the outputs of two events that the project will organise: an international workshop on June 12-13, 2008 and an open international conference in January 2009. Important dissemination activities are also planned to widely disseminate the initiative, to contribute increasing its impact, particularly at the political level.

PARADISO project activities are implemented by two organisations offering complementary expertise and experience related to project issues: Orionis (project coordinator) and the Club of Rome. Privileged links are ensured with the European ICT community.

Moreover, a number of leading organisations, worldwide, in the areas of ICT and societal developments, are formally supporting the PARADISO project and will be involved in planned activities, thus ensuring the best quality of the results and the largest impact of the project.



WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE

This workshop aims at gathering, over two days, a group of 35 to 40 worldwide experts on the two main issues the PARADISO project is addressing: societal models and ICT. The structure of the workshop has been designed to enable the most fruitful exchange of information between participants and to thoroughly discuss the draft version of the PARADISO reference document made available to each participant prior to the meeting.

Tentative agenda as of April 5, 2008

Thursday, June 12, 2008

09:00 *Welcome coffee*

10:00 **Opening session** (chaired by **Jacques Babot**, PARADISO project officer)

Welcome address by **Mario Campolargo**, Acting Director, Directorate F, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

Opening address by **Per Blixt**, Head of Unit New Infrastructure Paradigms and Experimental Facilities, DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

Overview of PARADISO objectives and activities by **Roger Torrenti**, PARADISO project manager

10:30 **Invited contributions: exploring the possible paradigm shift on global societal developments**

*(chaired by **Roland Burger**, Club of Rome)*

6 contributions of 20' (including 5' to 10' of Q&A)

12:30 *Lunch*

13:40 **Invited contributions: exploring the possible paradigm shift on global societal developments (contd)**

*(chaired by **Roland Burger**, Club of Rome)*

4 contributions of 20' (including 5' to 10' of Q&A)

15:00 *Tea / coffee break*

15:30 **Open discussion on the Chapter 1 of the reference document**

*(chaired by **Roger Torrenti**, PARADISO project manager)*

17:00 *Break*

17:15 **Invited keynote lecture**

Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Prize (TBC)

18:00 *Open networking*

Friday, June 13, 2008

09:00 *Welcome coffee*

10:00 **Invited contributions: identifying ICT needs and research areas**

*(chaired by **Fabrizio Sestini**, PARADISO project officer)*

6 contributions of 20' (including 5' to 10' of Q&A)

12:00 *Lunch*

13:30 **Invited contributions: identifying ICT needs and research areas (contd)**

*(chaired by **Fabrizio Sestini**, PARADISO project officer)*

3 contributions of 20' (including 5' to 10' of Q&A)

14:30 *Tea / coffee break*

15:00 **Open discussion on the Chapter 2 of the reference document**

*(chaired by **Roger Torrenti**, PARADISO project manager)*

16:00 *Break*

16:15 **Wrap-up and next steps**

*(chaired by **Jacques Babot**, PARADISO project officer)*

17:00 *Open networking*

REGISTRATION

Registration for the PARADISO workshop is free of charge but pre-registration is compulsory. Due to room capacity constraints, participation in the workshop can only be confirmed to those having received an invitation to participate. Do not hesitate to contact info@paradiso-eu.fp7 for any remarks or questions you may have and please visit www.paradiso-fp7.eu for detailed information on PARADISO objectives and activities.