

■ About the Cooperation Platform for Research and Standards (COPRAS)

COPRAS is a support action project in the EU 6th Framework Programme, aiming to improve the interfacing, cooperation and exchange between IST (Information Society Technologies) research projects and ICT standardization. It was created by the 5 Standards Organizations listed below who are members of the ICT Standards Board, the co-ordination forum for ICT standardization in Europe. COPRAS addresses the challenge of better synchronizing the continuous technological development in ICT with standardization processes, thus making the benefits of these technological developments better and earlier accessible to industry and society. Its mission is to stimulate, facilitate, and ease cooperation and exchange between current as well as future research projects and ICT standards organizations. COPRAS' activities and deliverables support projects finding the relevant standards organizations to signal their output to, enabling them to upgrade their results through standardization, and hence stimulate their dissemination and usage. The project's ultimate goal is to bring IST research and standardization closer together and to provide research projects as well as other stakeholders in government, industry, and society with a platform facilitating exchange, and furthering Europe's leading position in ICT development. Detailed information is available at www.copras.org.

■ About CEN

Based in Brussels, Belgium, the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) is the formally recognised European standardization organisation for areas other than the electrotechnical and telecommunications fields. In the fast-moving domain of information and communications technologies, CEN has created the Information Society Standardization System (CEN/ISSS). In addition to the traditional CEN Technical Committees, this makes use of open Workshops, which are standards committees created whenever there is an identified need for consensus. They are open to all interested parties and their deliverables are published by CEN as CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs). Detailed information is available at www.cen.eu.

■ About CENELEC

Based in Brussels, Belgium, CENELEC - The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization - is the formally recognised European standardization organisation for the electrotechnical field. Its members have been working together in the interest of European harmonisation since the 1950s, creating voluntary European Standards, which have helped to shape the European Internal Market. CENELEC works with 15,000 technical experts from at least 29 European countries. Its work directly increases market potential, encourages technological development and guarantees the safety and health of consumers, as well as the environmental protection. Detailed information is available at www.cenelec.org.

■ About ETSI

Based in Sophia Antipolis (France), the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) is the formally recognised European standardization organisation for telecommunications, broadcasting and certain aspects of information technology. As such, it also plays a major role in global standardization. ETSI unites almost 800 members from 55 countries inside and outside Europe, including manufacturers, network operators, administrations, service providers, research bodies and users - in fact, all the key players in the telecommunications arena. Detailed information is available at www.etsi.org.

■ About The Open Group

The Open Group is a vendor-neutral and technology-neutral consortium, whose vision of Boundaryless Information Flow™ will enable access to integrated information within and between enterprises based on open standards and global interoperability. The Open Group works with customers, suppliers, consortia and other standard bodies. Its role is to capture, understand and address current and emerging requirements, establish policies and share best practices; to facilitate interoperability, develop consensus, and evolve and integrate specifications and open source technologies; to offer a comprehensive set of services to enhance the operational efficiency of consortia; and to operate the industry's premier certification service. Detailed information is available at www.opengroup.org.

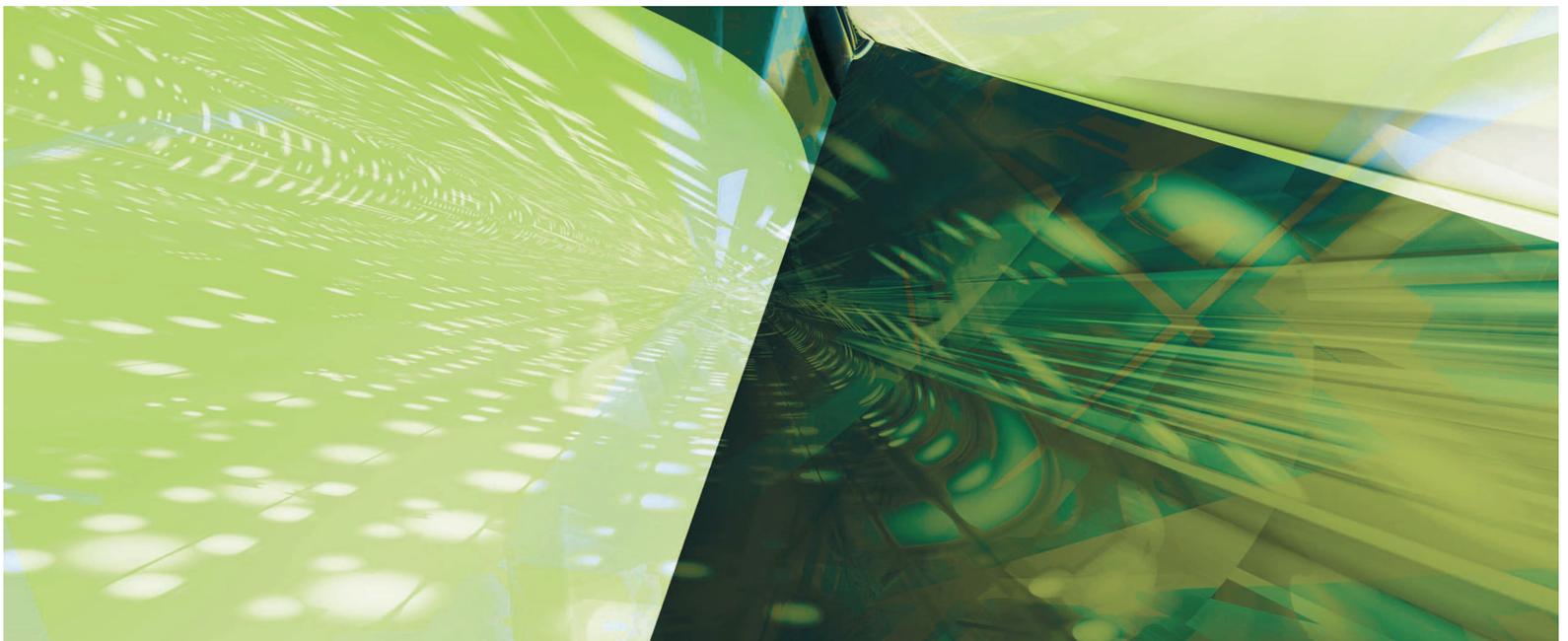
■ About the World Wide Web Consortium

The W3C was created to lead the Web to its full potential by developing common protocols that promote its evolution and ensure its interoperability. It is an international industry consortium jointly run by the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL) in the USA, the European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) headquartered in France and Keio University in Japan. Services provided by the Consortium include: a repository of information about the World Wide Web for developers and users, and various prototype and sample applications to demonstrate use of new technology. To date, nearly 400 organizations are Members of the Consortium. Detailed information is available at www.w3.org.



ICT Standardization and Research - towards FP7

A conference organised by the COPRAS project,
17 January 2007 - Brussels, Bedford Hotel



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COPRAS, together with its consortium partners CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, W3C & The Open Group, organises a major conference on ICT research and standardization, against the background of the launch of the European 7th Framework Programme.

The conference will address issues from all stakeholders involved in the research/standards interfacing process, and will touch upon a variety of aspects, such as:

- Passing research output through standardization process to bring projects' results to the market more quickly;
- Addressing the challenges ICT projects face when cooperating with standards organizations;
- Organizing interfacing between research and standardization in FP7, and the role of European Technology Platforms;
- Focus areas in ICT standardization where closer cooperation with research projects in FP7 will be required;
- Making contributing to standards processes more attractive to research projects in FP7;
- Recommendations for the research/standards interfacing process in FP7: results from the COPRAS project.

Conference programme

09:00 Registration

10:00 Introduction

Conference Chair: Prof Keith Jeffery, President, ERCIM, Director Information Technology & Head of Business and Information Technology Department, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

1. RTD/standards interfacing in the FP7 Programme

10:15 The importance of research/standards interfacing in furthering Europe's competitive position in ICT: expectations for FP7

Mr. Peter Zangl, Deputy Director General DG Information Society and Media, European Commission

10:40 Using ICT research to further standardization

Future trends and developments in standardization that could be driven by research
Speaker: Dr. Walter Weigel, Director General ETSI

11:05 ETPs and standards development

The role of European technology Platforms in RTD/standards interfacing
Speaker: Dr. Alexander Roth, Siemens Corporate Technology

11:30 COFFEE & TEA

2. Research/standards interfacing as a tool for industrial & societal progress

12:00 Benefiting from standardization as an SME company

Using research projects as a tool for accessing European standardization processes
Speaker: Manon van Leeuwen, Director Information Society, Fundecyt

12:20 eGovernment, standardization and public procurement

Standards and research for interoperable eGovernment applications
Speaker: Peter Brown, CEN eGovernment Focus Group

12:40 Standardization and innovation

How ICT standardization can help projects bringing their results to the market
Speaker: David White, Director Innovation Policy, European Commission, Directorate-General Enterprise and Industry

13:00 LUNCH

