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New documents

- Realising Multimedia Potential - Development projects supported by the INFO2000 programme

Available end of July 1998 in English, French and German (limited copies only) Available as a PDF file via

http://www.echo.lu/info2000/en/mm-projects/index.html

- Electronic Publishing - Strategic Developments for the European Publishing Industry towards the year 2000

Main Report in English and French (limited copies only). Available on order from the MIDAS-NET nodes for the sum of 75 ECU.

- Electronic Publishing - Strategic Developments for the European Publishing Industry towards the year 2000

CD-ROM available on order from the MIDAS-NET nodes for the sum of 75 ECU (CD-ROM and Main Report combined - 100 ECU).

- Executive Summary of the above-mentioned reports available for down-loading via:

http://www.echo.lu/elpub2/en/execsum.html

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In this issue

Results of calls for proposals

Call for proposals for Exploiting Europe's Public Sector Information

The European Commission launched, on 16 December 1997, a call for proposals for strategic projects with the following aim:

To make more readily available the information resources held by the public sector for exploitation in European multimedia content services.

Submission of entries under this call closed on 17 April 1998. The first results from the proposals received are now available.

A total of 141 proposals were received, totalling the collaboration of over 750 organisations proposing work of value in excess of 109 million ECU. Funding for the sum of 50 million ECU has been requested.

Around two thirds of the participants were private sector organisations. All EU countries were well represented.

The numerical response compared with the envisaged number of projects to be supported exceeds that of any previous calls under INFO2000, IMPACT and related programmes, making this call a record!

Proposals were received in the following subject areas:

- geographic subjects (over 40 proposals)
- information for business (around 30 proposals)
- health and food (16 proposals)
- culture and tourism (around 16 proposals)
- archives and libraries (15 proposals).

Other subjects covered include:

- the environment;
- education;
- information for citizens.

Call for proposals for Enhancing Europe's Multimedia Rights Trading Environment

The above-mentioned call was also launched on 16 December 1997 and invited proposals for pilot or exploratory projects with the following objective:

To contribute to the enhancement of the current multimedia rights trading environment in the Union by increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of multimedia rights clearance processes between rightholders and multimedia product developers.

The call closed on 17 April 1998 and the following results are now known:

- a total of 26 proposals were received;
- total cost of all proposals received: 11.5 MECUs;
- total funding requested: 5.2 MECUs;
- budget announced (indicative): 2.2 MECUs.

Further details relating to the results of both calls will be published on the I*M-Europe server as soon as they are available.

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http://www.echo.lu/info2000/calls/html

MLIS Calls for Proposals:

- Demonstration of Best Practice in Translation and Interpretation

- Setting up a European Electronic Forum for Terminology

On 16 December 1997 two Calls for Proposals were launched under the MLIS (Multilingual Information Society) programme. Both were made available to the public via the Supplement S to the Official Journal and via the Internet (I*M-Europe). In response to these announcements, around 350 requests for information packs were received. These were dealt with by the Commission and by the MIDAS-NET nodes. Information was disseminated either in electronic or printed format. All EU language groups and all Member States were represented in the requests for information.

In the period from December 1997 onwards the MLIS home page on the Internet logged more than 4 500 hits specifically related to the MLIS calls. This represents a 700% increase compared with the previous calls and proves that the Internet has become "the" favourite dissemination medium. Thirteen proposals (13) were received in response to each of the calls (26 responses in total) with even representation from the EEA countries.

Demonstration of Best Practice in Translation and Interpretation

Distribution of Organisations by type

Organisation Type	Participants
Public	2
Private	38
Non-profit	4
Research	6
Other	2
Total	52

Setting up a European Electronic Forum for Terminology

Distribution of Organisations by type

Organisation Type	Participants
Public	7
Private	17
Non-profit	14
Research	29
Other	6
Total	73

Criteria applied in both calls regarding the size of Private Enterprise participants

Size Category	Criteria
Micro	< 10 employees
Small	10 - 49 employees &< 7 MECU turnover
Medium	50 - 249 employees &< 40 MECU turnover

Proposed timetable

It is expected that the proposals will be submitted for approval by the INFO2000/MLIS Info Committee on 15 June 1998. In July the Commission decision for the adoption of the short listed projects is expected. Negotiations and contract signing with successful consortia will be carried out in September and the selected projects will commence in October 1998.

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http://www.echo.lu/mlis/en/calls.home. html

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Hot news>>

Open Calls for Proposals and Tenders

Trans-European Telecommunications Networks (TEN-TELECOM): Call for Proposals 1998/2 on Generic services and Applications:

http://www.echo.lu/tentelecom/en/cfp19982.html

Trans-European Telecommunications Networks (TEN-TELECOM): Call for Proposals 1998/3 on Support and co-ordination Actions:

http://www.echo.lu/tentelecom/en/cfp19983.html

Action plan on promoting safe use of the Internet: Call for proposals on hotlines - PRELIMINARY DRAFT

http://www.echo.lu/iap/hotlines.html

Action plan on promoting safe use of the Internet: Call for proposals on filtering awareness - PRELIMINARY DRAFT

http://www.echo.lu/iap/filter.html

Events

http://www.echo.lu/announce.html

- Frankfurt: Frankfurt Book Fair, 7-12 October 1998
- Vienna: INFO2000 Conference and EuroPrix gala event, 29 November 1998
- Vienna: IST 98, Information Society Technologies Conference and Exhibition, 30 November to 2 December 1998
- London: On-line/CD-ROM Information, 8-10 December 1998.

Fifth Framework Focus:

http://www.cordis.lu/fifth/src/ev-totec.html

Amsterdam: Conference on the Fifth Framework Programme "Tomorrow's Technology", 28 October 1998.

IST '98 Vienna

Information Society Technologies Conference and Exhibition

IST '98 takes place from 30 November to 2 December in the Austria Center Vienna. Jointly organised by the ACTS, Esprit and Telematics Applications programmes, IST 98 is supported by the Austrian Ministry of Science and Transport.

The general theme of the event is 'Living and Working in the Information Society'. The outline of the programme is in the process of being finalised. It will include an Investment Forum and it will feature the 1998 European IT Prize Awards ceremony and a range of events with an Austrian theme. In addition it will include a celebration of NetD@ys Europe, and the launch of the European

Commission's Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme (pending Council approval).

IST '98 will be preceded on 29 November in Vienna's Technical Museum by the EuroPrix MultiMediaArt 98 Gala.

IST '98 supersedes the annual European IT Conference and Exhibition (EITC), and is the first of what will become a series of annual, comprehensive events covering the IST Programme. IST '99 will take place in Helsinki, with the support of Tekes and the Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry, from 22-24 November 1999. IST 2000 will be held in Brussels from 21-23 November 2000.

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http://www.cordis.lu/esprit/src/ist98.html
http://www.echo.lu/announce.html

Council formally adopts common position on Fifth Framework Programme

The Council of the European Union formally adopted its common position on the Fifth RTD Framework Programme at its meeting on 23 March 1998. This formalises the political agreement reached during the Research Council on 12 February 1998.

In the forthcoming stages of the co-decision procedure, the European Parliament will proceed to its second reading. The next Research Council is scheduled for 22 June 1998.

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http://www.cordis.lu/fifth/src/co-posi.htm

Telematics for libraries

Libraries are and will be of vital importance in the information age. Europe's libraries are keepers of and gateways to an unparallelled wealth of resources. They ensure access for all to the intellectual achievement of our times - past, present and future. By supporting libraries to develop innovative services using new technologies, the European Commission, through Directorate General XIII/E, is helping them to meet the challenges of the future.

The mobilising years: 1990-1994

Across Europe in the early nineties libraries operated in distinct user environments, primarily in national contexts and at different technology levels. With the initial Libraries Work Programme, under the Third Framework Programme for Research and Development, all types of libraries began to work together to link their catalogues and networks, developing multi-sectoral services across national boundaries. An infrastructure based on technology, standards, quality, co-operation and shared services evolved.

Libraries programme 1990-1994

"Catalysing Change":

• electronic bibliographic records;
• interconnecting systems;
• innovative services;
• new tools and products;
• 51 co-financed projects;
• 3 special interest/user platforms;
• 22 background, technical and feasibility studies;
• 10 workshops and conferences.

Consolidation and integration: 1994-1998

The Telematics for Libraries actions under the Fourth Framework Programme, 1994-1998, build upon these achievements. Libraries are continuing to develop interfaces, systems and services for new digital collections. Networks of library actors are working together and with publishers in value chains for service provision. International co-operation is broadening the range of publications and of services available to end-readers. As key actors in the Internet environment, libraries are developing value-added services both to their community, either campus or regional populations, and to distant specialised information users.

Libraries programme 1994-1998

"Creating a European libraries infrastructure":

• networked internal services and electronic collections;
• interconnected library services;
• access to networked information resources;
• more than 32 co-financed projects;
• six special interest/user platforms;
• technical studies, conferences, workshops;
• cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe.

In addition, through workshops and reports, the Libraries Unit of DG XIII-E/4 develops policy and creates awareness and understanding of issues affecting libraries in Europe.

Into the next millenium: 1998-2002

The Fifth Framework Programme takes EU research into the next millenium. It recognises the importance of content and of citizens' access to knowledge and culture. The challenges are to make content accessible in mixed and multiple media formats and in real and virtual forms, to maintain and preserve information resources, and to strengthen alliances for content creation and learning provision. Libraries together with organisations such as archives, museums and national galleries must play a key role in meeting these challenges.

Libraries of the future

Libraries are at the crossroads of the transition to a culture and knowledge economy with a responsibility also to safeguard this inheritance for the future.

Building on their traditional strengths, European libraries must focus on their role as networked service providers and as mediators to powerhouses of knowledge. In parallel with the responsibility for preservation of that knowledge, libraries must act as content generators and information society facilitators.

Libraries of the future will operate in a global environment rich in information sources and related technologies. With people at the centre of Europe's Information Society, libraries have a pivotal role in providing equality and continuity of access for all to multimedia information and knowledge.

Where can I find more information?

National Focal Points for the Libraries Sector of Telematics have been established in European Union Member States and in EEA/EFTA countries. These Focal Points promote the Libraries programme and assist individuals and organisations with advice and information.

Information can also be obtained directly from:

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Telematics for Libraries home page at:
http://www.echo.lu/libraries/en/ libraries.html

The sector's future activites

- Seminar **"Advances in information handling and access for the environment: new emerging technologies".** 1 July 1998, European Commission's pavilion at Expo98 Lisbon. Seminar organised jointly with the Information Engineering sector and the INFO2000 programme.

- Seminar **"Convergence in the Digital Age: Challenges for Libraries, Museums and Archives".** Amsterdam, 13 - 14 August 1998. Organised by TNO-STB with the support of the IFLA Section of Information Technology. **http://www.echo.lu/libraries/en/iflasem.html**

- **The 64th General Conference and Exhibition of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)**, Amsterdam, 16 - 21 August 1998. The Libraries Sector will be at Stand no. 146 at the IFLA98 Exhibition, 16 - 19 August 1998. http://www.echo.lu/libraries/en/ifla98.html

- Frankfurt Bookfair, 7-12 October 1998.

The Telematics Applications Programme Conference, Barcelona, February 1998

The Telematics Applications Programme has been the driving force for the development of societal applications of information and communication technologies in Europe over the last ten years.

The programme has brought together users, industry and researchers to shape leading edge technology into applications for the Information Society.

With its focus on meeting the needs of users, the Programme has helped to promote the competitiveness of

European Industry, improve the delivery of services of public interest, and stimulate job creation.

The results and achievements of the Telematics Applications Programme and visions for the future were featured during an important four-day event in Barcelona.

This successful event was attended by Programme participants, including industrialists (in informatics, telecommunications, transport, health, multimedia, etc.), users, researchers and decision-makers and was an effective platform for:

- disseminating and demonstrating the achievements, results and impacts of the Telematics Applications Programme (TAP);
- exploring visions of the future for industrial and societal applications of telematics;
- explaining the role of the next Framework R&D Programme (1998 - 2002) in realising these visions;
- bringing projects together to share expertise on state-of-the art in telematics technologies and applications.

The event ran over three days of formal sessions and included a large exhibition of telematics developments to demonstrate how the Information Society is being brought closer to the citizen.

Commissioner Martin Bangemann opened the exhibition on Thursday, 5 February, offering visitors an opportunity to view and follow up on the projects highlighted during the conference, as well as demonstrations and displays of other major projects of the Telematics Applications Programme.

Proceedings relating to this event are in the process of being produced. Please check the web site address featured below in order to obtain further information.

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http://www.concord.cscdc.be/

I*M-Forum (Information Market Forum)

Your European Directory of Services and Consultancy in Multimedia

Via I*M-Europe access is available to European databases offering user guidance, language industry, business and economy information. Of these, I*M-Forum is of particular relevance to those interested in the information market and multimedia content industry.

I*M-Forum presents its new web interface which lists nine main themes:

- information technology;
- language engineering;
- information engineering;
- geographical information systems;
- electronic publishing;
- legal aspects;
- information services;
- information systems;
- library services.

I*M-Forum is invaluable:

- for expertise and skills: "Where can the expertise required for this call be found?";
- as a partner-seeking tool for joint projects with or without EU funding;
- for finding commercial partners: "Which Belgian company can partner me in this Call for Proposals?";
- for the purpose of a "Call for Proposals": potential partners can submit their own description on-line.

This interactive self-service tool is essential for marketing and partner-searching.

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Insert your details in I*M-Forum : **http://www.echo.lu/impact/en/im_partner_form.html**

MIDAS-NET Mission

This issue of ECHO facts for users welcomes contributions from nodes from the remaining Nordic countries: Finland, Iceland and Norway.

SUOMEN MIDAS-NET-keskuksen tehtävät

MIDAS-NET-solmun tavoitteena on edistää kiinnostusta ja tietämystä multimediasta ja yleensäkin sähköisistä tietopalveluista sekä avustaa niiden käyttäjiä. MIDAS-NET-solmujen toiminta on suunnattu liike-elämän, teollisuuden ja kaupan alueille, erityisesti pienille ja keskisuurille yrityksille, mutta myös yksittäisille kansalaisille. MIDAS-NET-solmun tehtäviin kuuluvat neuvonta, seminaarit, kurssit, luennot, demonstraatiot multimedian ja sähköisten palvelujen käyttöönotosta ja käytöstä sekä tiedottaminen INFO2000-ohjelmasta ja muista asiaan liittyvistä EU-ohjelmista.

URL: http://www.midas.co.jyu.fi/

Mission of the MIDAS-NET node in FINLAND

The MIDAS-NET node will work for the development of the multimedia information content industry by raising awareness among the target groups, primarily SMEs, but also among other user groups and citizens. Activities will include mailings, demonstrations, workshops, seminars, presentations, electronic help-desk, etc. All awareness activities relate to multimedia content and other important electronic information.

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Description: VTT Tietopalvelu acts as the information service unit of the Technical Research Centre of Finland (VTT) and as a national information service. Activities include information retrieval, training, consulting, promotion of online services, electronic publishing and R&D.

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Description: ITRI works under the remit of the University of Jyväskylä. We offer business oriented information, technology research, and development services to industry and governmental organisations. In our projects we offer internationally high-grade know-how and the latest R&D facilities for our clients.

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Kuvaus: Ylä-Savon Kehittämisyhtiö Oy on yksityinen, paikallisen elinkeinoelämän omistama liikkeenjohdon konsulttitoimisto, joka työskentelee laajasti paitsi yritysten, myös koko Ylä-Savon alueen kehittämisessä.

Description: The Upper-Savo Development Company is a regional development organisation providing a wide range of business support services for SMEs. The company is a member of the BC-Net. It is involved in many projects involving multimedia and other areas of interest to SMEs.

Stefnuyfirləsing MIDAS-NET uppləsingaskrifstofunnar á ISLANDI

MIDAS-NET 3 Íslandi mun taka virkan юátt н юryun og framgangi нslensks uppləsingasamfйlags тер юvн ap apstopa hagsmunapila vip ap цplast naupsynlegan юekkingu, skilning og færni til ap geta orpip virkir юátttakendur н hagkerfi sem byggir á юekkingu. MIDAS-NET mun stupla ap bættu apgengi ap nэjum rafrænum uppləsingamiplum og эta undir ap fyrirtæki nэti sйr юá nэju tækni til verpmætaskъpunar. Meginmarkmip MIDAS-NETs á Íslandi er ap Ísland verpi н fararbroddi varpandi nэtingu юeirra fйlagslegu- og efnahagslegu gæra sem uppləsingasamfйlagip og rafræn ътgáfa veita.

URL: http://www.midas.is/

Mission of the MIDAS-NET node in ICELAND

The MIDAS-NET node in Iceland will promote the information society by assisting all interested parties in acquiring the understanding, knowledge and skills necessary to become productive members of the knowledge-based economic system. MIDAS-NET will aim at enabling SMEs to benefit from EP products and concurrently promotes and supports the EP industry by assisting

competent parties. The overall mission is to make Iceland a showcase of the economic and social benefits that the information society and EP can bring.

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Lэsing: Samtъk ipnaparins eru samtъk vinnuveitenda н ipnapi. Samtъkin voru stofnup til ap samrжma og sameina átak ipnfyrirtжkja og til stupla almennt ap framgangi нslensks ipnapar.

Description: FII is the federation of employers in the industrial sector. It was established in order to co-ordinate and maximise the marketing efforts of the enterprises and to support Icelandic industry in general.

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Description: The RLO's main tasks are to promote co-operation between the University of Iceland and industry in the fields of education, vocational training, research and innovation.

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Description: The mission of SITF is to be the forum for co-operation between the various bodies associated with Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in Iceland. SITF operated the NAP office in Iceland.

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Description: The task of VEDA is to form a field of co-operation around special and urgent issues relating to vocational education and training.

One of the project groups is "Multimedia Group", which will be working closely with the MIDAS-NET node in Iceland.

MIDAS-NET Norge – oppgaver

MIDAS-NET Norge er et organisatorisk nettverk som består av 6 partnere. Under mottoet: "Innsats for innhold" skal partnerne gjøre en innsats for å stimulere multimedie- og innholdsindustrien og bedre vilkårene for det elektroniske informasjonsmarkedet i Norge. Dette gjøres primært gjennom en aktiv informasjons-, opplærings- og demonstrasjonsvirksomhet, samt kontaktskapende arbeid både nasjonalt og på

europeisk nivå. MIDAS-NET Norge dekker hele landet og alle relevante målgrupper.

Mission of the MIDAS-NET node in Norway

The MIDAS-NET node in Norway is organised as a consortium. The main goal is to promote development of multimedia content and applications in Norway. MIDAS-NET Norway aims to stimulate and improve the market through information dissemination, demonstrations, and by connecting people and organisations interested in multimedia. MIDAS-NET in Norway covers the whole country and all relevant target groups.

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Beskrivelse: NR arbeider med anvendt forskning innen informasjonsteknologi og innen statistisk- og matematisk modellering. Vi arbeider for oppdragsgivere som forventer at resultatene kan utnyttes i deres virksomhet og at løsningene kan gi dem konkurransefortrinn i et internasjonalt marked. Våre bidrag skal resultere i løsninger som er i forkant av utviklingen og som er faglig solid forankret. NR har deltatt aktiv i en lang rekke internasjonale forskningsprosjekter. Samarbeidet med internasjonale partnere har gitt oss innsikt i utviklingen internasjonalt, og resultatene fra noen av prosjektene er nå tatt i bruk i norske virksomheter. Elektronisk handel er et av de strategiske satsingsområdene til NR.

Description: NR, the Norwegian Computing Centre, is engaged in applied research in the fields of information technology and of statistical and mathematical modelling. We work for

companies that expect results which will benefit business and will give them a competitive advantage in international markets. NR works primarily for Norwegian business and public administration, but has also participated in a number of international projects and is currently involved in international long term, strategic projects on electronic commerce. The centre employs a staff of 95. Its working environment is conducive to personal development and creativity. NR works with clients as partners in order to ensure that research is both result- and purpose-oriented.

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Beskrivelse: Agderforskning (AF) er en uavhengig stiftelse som ble opprettet i 1985. Vi har i dag i underkant av 50 ansatte og gjennomfører prosjekter for 20-25 millioner kroner årlig for private bedrifter og offentlig sektor regionalt, nasjonalt og internasjonalt. AF skal være et anerkjent institutt innen anvendt forskning, utviklingsarbeid, rådgivning og formidling med oppdragsgivere regionalt, nasjonalt og internasjonalt. Agderforskning er ett institutt samtidig som organiseringen spisser oss faglig innen et antall områder. Organiseringen skal gi faglig fokus, men vi er meget bevisste på at vi ikke skal skape hindringer for internt samarbeid. Alle prosjekter skal bemannes på best mulig måte uavhengig av medarbeidernes sentertilhørighet.

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Beskrivelse: Teknologisk Institutt (TI) er en selveiende stiftelse med 260 medarbeidere. Stortinget har gitt TI et nasjonalt ansvar for å tilby små og mellomstore bedrifter kunnskaps- og teknologiformidling for å fremme deres produktivitet og lønnsomhet. TIs hovedmål er å styrke norsk industri ved å være ledende innen teknologi- og kompetanseoverføring til små og mellomstore bedrifter.

Description: Transfer of technology and expertise to SMEs in Norway. Product areas: training, distance learning, laboratory services, Internet and database services.

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Description: Serving industry and SMEs in northern Norway in the fields of training, laboratory and testing services. Provides extensive information services to industry and businesses as well as WWW solutions for SMEs.
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Beskrivelse: Scandface\IDE AS arbeider med språkteknologi på bred basis i Skandinavia og internasjonalt. Blant kundene er Kulturdepartementet, Nasjonalt læremiddelsenter og TV2 for øyeblikket de mest framtredende. IDE as er nasjonal representant for Euromap både i Norge og Sverige. Direktør

Kolbjørn Heggstad har siden 1978 vært valgt medlem av the International Committee on Computational Linguistics (ICCL). Han er norsk WP medlem i EUs Telematics Applications Programme/Language Engineering.

Description: IDE AS is working with various aspects of Language Engineering and text databases, mainly on language tools in Danish, Swedish and Norwegian text processors, OCR systems and retrieval systems. The organisation is also involved in consultancy and evaluation work for National Resource Centre for Educational Material, under The Ministry of Education Research and Church Affairs in Norway. IDE AS is Site Manager for the EUROMAP project in the EU's Telematics Applications Programme in Norway and Sweden. The managing director, Kolbjørn Heggstad, has been an elected member of the International Committee on Computational Linguistics (ICCL) since 1978. He is the Norwegian WP member in the EU's Telematics Applications Programme/Language Engineering.

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http://www.echo.lu/info2000/midas

Finland:
http://www.midas.co.jyu.fi/
Iceland:
http://www.midas.is/
Norway:
http://www.norskinfo2000.no/

MIDAS-NET node activity in the framework of EuroPrix 98 MultiMediaArt

The EuroPrix MultiMediaArt is a new award and a contest in creativity aiming at distinguishing European 'multimedia for a purpose'. It is organised under the auspices of the Austrian Ministry for Economic Affairs and the EU, DG XIII, within its INFO2000 programme. The contest will be a major focus of the Austrian Presidency of the E.U. The

EuroPrix MultiMediaArt 98 is open to all who produce marketable multimedia products in all 15 EU Member States, the EFTA countries, the ten applicant States from Central and Eastern Europe, and Cyprus. The contest was launched officially in Cannes at the MILIA 1998 (8-11 February 1998). Applications are invited in 6 categories reflecting the organisers' concern for "multimedia with a purpose" and overall excellence -

1. Knowledge and Discovery

2. Valorisation of European Culture

3. Support SMEs in the Market Place

4. Improving Democracy with Multimedia

5. First steps in multimedia

6. Students' Award

The best three products in each category will be nominated and showcased at a special presentation in October at the Frankfurt Book Fair and at a Gala Event in Vienna in December 1998. The EuroPrix, its nominees and its winners will benefit from a Europe-wide promotion campaign, orchestrated with leading European broadcasters and MIDAS-NET nodes.

MIDAS-NET nodes are prime partners for all aspects of the EuroPrix contest and have already commenced various promotional activities across Europe. In order to participate in events in your country, or just to find out more about the contest, consult the MIDAS-NET Web sites. These Web sites offer information about the Prix in your language, and also link to the dedicated contest server.

Please note that entries for the EuroPrix must be submitted before 30 June 1998 to the EuroPrix Secretariat.

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http://www.europrix.org/
http://www.echo.lu/info2000/midas/

Activities in the applicant states from Central and Eastern Europe, and Cyprus

EuroPrix promotional activities are being staged across the applicant countries, e.g. targeted mailings, presentations and exhibitions. Much interest has been shown by these countries, especially by Poland and Estonia.

Other Promotional Activities

The Italian Ministry of Public Education requested information to be provided on their Web site regarding the EuroPrix. This serves to underline the importance that the Italian government places on this multimedia award. The address is:

http://www.bdp.it/europrix/euprix fr.htm

The EuroPrix Call Centre has been very active in attracting Media Partners throughout Europe. Currently 180 Media Partners in 21 countries have pledged their support for the EuroPrix. This phenomenal achievement will ensure that the award is well represented across the Continent.

America Online (AOL) in Europe has also pledged its support for the EuroPrix MultiMediaArt 98 with Web presence and the contacting of key journalists. This support will also involve CompuServe Europe. With such heavyweight patronage, the EuroPrix message has been broadcast far and wide!

Further information on EuroPrix can be obtained from:

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CORDIS makes innovating even easier...

This year, CORDIS, the Community Research and Development Information Service, is looking brighter and better! With new, improved search facilities, and a wealth of constantly updated detailed information, CORDIS makes sure European companies and research institutions will be able to see the latest information in Europe-wide R&D.

With information collected on all Commission Programmes involved in R&D by DG XIII in Luxembourg and Brussels, CORDIS is available via the World Wide Web and now serves over 60,000 individual users every month, boasting some one million visits every single month. With the click of the mouse, it is possible to find manufacturing and marketing opportunities from the 8, 000+ exploitable Results data-

base. On average between 10, 000 and 20,000 organisations are listed in the Partners database, for those looking for partnerships for research. Latest news on research projects, from the 40 000+ items in the Projects database and progress and results in any specific area can also be found.

Information on EU research programmes, financial aid, contacts and local advisors is also contained. Each of the ten databases holds literally thousands of pages.

This, of course, is a lot of information! But the joy of CORDIS is its constantly improving, user friendly search facilities, plotting a faster course to your information destination, and Spring 1998 saw the introduction of a series of fantastic

user-friendly facilities enabling faster, more accurate information collection:

Map-based search
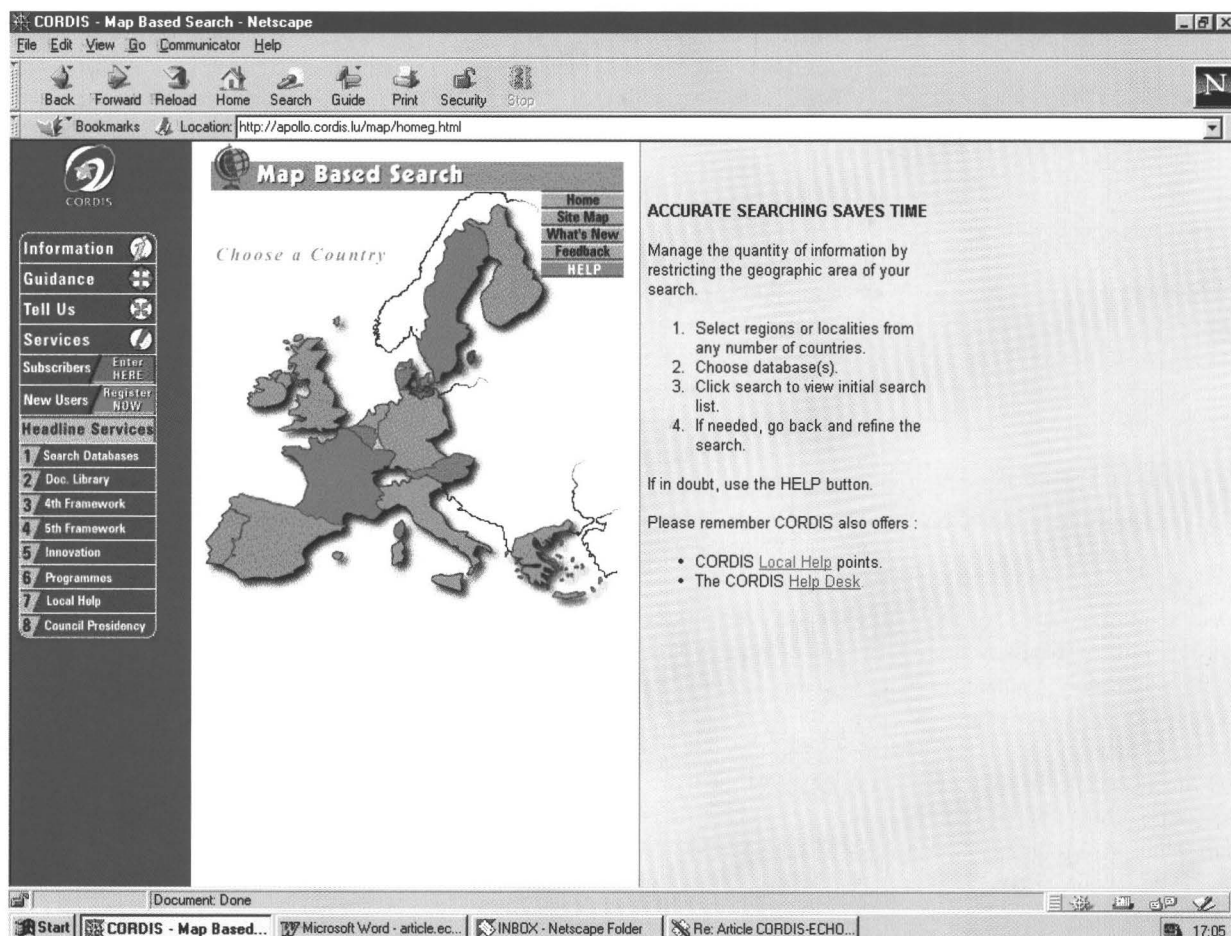**http://apollo.cordis.lu/map/home.html**

This simple graphic search facility makes it easier for users to choose exactly what they want. By selecting one or more countries or regions on the map of Europe shown on the screen, the user can localise the amount of data produced from a search.

Multi-lingual Interfaces

CORDIS is progressively introducing all EU languages into the system. All main pages within the site will shortly be available in five languages of the EU, (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian), making navigating easier for players in R&D all over Europe.

Improved Index Searches

If getting just what you're looking for from the ten huge databases sounds

daunting, CORDIS makes it easy. A fully comprehensive, indexed search system means you just have to click on the area of research from the index, or enter a key word, CORDIS will search the entire database and deliver the information required.

And not forgetting RAPIDUS!

http://CORDIS.lu/tellus/src/ t_005_en.html

Launched last year, this hugely successful search aid automatically delivers information specifically tailored to your needs via e-mail. Enter your search profile(s) just once, Rapidus does the work for you, updating you regularly on the latest developments.

Deidre Rice from Steinbeis, the Innovation Relay Centre in Stuttgart, had this to say of the new map based search. "This map based service will be a very useful tool for us as we can now target companies directly in our region to take part in EU presentations, events etc. It will make accessing the relevant companies far less time consuming."

These new search facilities will mean all users will be able to find the information specific to them much more easily and quickly. They form part of the aim to constantly improve and update CORDIS, providing an increasingly fast and efficient user-friendly information service for users.

So visit the CORDIS site today at www.cordis.lu and see the progress for yourself.

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The I*M-Europe Newsdesk - don't miss it!

As the web becomes more popular as a publishing medium it is harder for users to find what they need. It also gets harder for information producers to organise the information to suit all possible needs.

No doubt the ardent I*M-Europe user saw the theme which was prepared for this February's Milia '98 event (Cannes, 8-11 February 1998) entitled "Trading Cultural Assets". This is just one attempt we have undertaken in order to satisfy a potential user information need: the thematic approach. Looking carefully, the user will find information and links to relevant programmes in the field, not only those relating to INFO2000 and DG XIII.

The new I*M-Europe Newsdesk aims to satisfy another information need. A team of experts browse official web services of the European Union and/or web services which are financially supported by the EU in order to offer you an overview of what's happening.

Newsworthy stories are gathered and presented, links to documents on other services are made and calls and events in the fields of interest to the I*M-

Europe user (e.g. Information Market, Information Society, Information and Communication Technologies, relevant R&D (Research and Development)) are announced.

The clue in the Newsdesk is not in the stories themselves, but in the quick overview and the direct links to the documents and events presented. This is where the web beats the old fashioned paper mill, making your day a little bit more efficient.

The Newsdesk is only the start of revamping of I*M-Europe's news services. Later this year you will find Media Monitor, a similar service linking into stories in the international press, and you will experience improved services for finding calls and events. The final goal is to offer all users an intelligent, personalised, mailcasting service which can be customised to suit their needs.

Bookmark I*M-Europe Newsdesk today!

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http://www.echo.lu/news/

Keep up-to-date with INFO2000 and related EU multimedia Initiatives

A database which keeps note of the contact details of each recipient of documentation relating to INFO2000 is maintained by the Central Support Team.

During the month of May 1998 an information package was mailed to each contact address in the database and recipients were asked if they wished to remain informed about INFO2000 and related EU multimedia initiatives by e-mail (mailcasting service).

If you did not receive the information package but would like to subscribe to the mailcasting service please complete the feedback form below and return it to:

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Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Tel: _____

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E-mail.: _____

Please tick as appropriate
I, the undersigned, declare that I wish to:

- continue / be registered in the INFO2000 Database

YES ❑　　　　　　　　NO ❑

- allow the INFO2000 Central Support Team to forward my contact details to third parties:

YES ❑　　　　　　　　NO ❑

- receive information by e-mail regarding initiatives undertaken within INFO2000 and related areas.

*YES ❑　　　　　　　　NO ❑

* Once your interest in this initiative is noted, we will contact you by e-mail in order for us to be able to target your specific interests better.

Date:

Signature:

Establishment of a MIDAS-NET node in Switzerland

The black hole in the centre of the European information space is no more! Switzerland is now a member of the MIDAS-NET network!

Switzerland is represented by one strategically situated MIDAS-NET node, placed in Muttenz, near Basel in the Northwestern corner of the country, close to the borders of Germany and France. The MIDAS-NET node organisation is HyperStudio AG. A non-profit institute and interdisciplinary workshop, HyperStudio focuses on:

- research in the design and creative application of interactive media;
- work with SMEs to develop competencies and apply new technologies.

More information will soon be available on the MIDAS-NET Switzerland (CH). A specific web site is in the process of being established but in the meantime enquiries regarding the node's activities can be addressed to the CST or directly to:

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