

European Trend Chart on Innovation

Conference on e-Business and Innovation 26 – 27 May 2005

The European Commission (DG Enterprise) has endorsed the decision to carry out a conference on the above theme. In order to prepare this exercise properly, we kindly ask you to fill in the following questionnaire. Your response will assist us in identifying the structures in your country and current developments within the theme, in addition it will provide input into identifying the policy practitioners that may benefit from participation in such a workshop. **Please read the attached scoping paper first**, which outlines the specific considerations for the topic and should act as a guide to what type of answers we are looking for from the questionnaire. As one of 33 country briefings we would appreciate your answers to be as concise as possible. If you have any questions please contact:

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Questions related to e-Business & Innovation instruments

1. Are there any policy instruments from the innovation policy field that are aimed at supporting e-business at companies?

Please select for each innovation policy field "yes", "no" "don't know"

A. R&D funding	B. Demon- stration and test centres	C. Technology Transfer, Partnership, Networking	D. Provision of data, market analysis, supporting studies	E. Demand side initiatives	F. Incubators and innovation clusters
No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

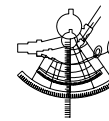
2. Are there other examples of policy instruments interlinking innovation and e-business from other policy areas?

Please select "yes", "no" "don't know". If yes, please provide the policy field

No If yes: which policy field

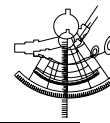
3. If you have selected "yes" in question 1 and/or 2, provide maximum 3 examples of the most interesting instruments aimed to support both e-business and innovation

Please indicate the policy field, managing organisation and give a short description of the instrument (max 3 sentences).



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Name	policy field	Organisation	Description										
State support programme (LV_69)	E	Latvian Investment and Development Agency	“Support to Modernization of the Business Infrastructure” Subprogramme “Establishment and reconstruction of vital public networks for the development of infrastructure” - among other things funding targeted towards establishment and improvement of telecommunication system for businesses.										
Information systems cluster	C	Ministry of Economics	Latvian Information Systems cluster was facilitated through the Industrial cluster restructuring project launched in 2000. This cluster brings together 20 export-oriented IT companies and related organisations.										
A if other; define													
<i>Question related to e-Business & Innovation policies</i>													
<p>4. Are the organisations in charge of innovation policy the same as the organisations in charge of e-business policy? Please select “yes”, “no” “don’t know”</p> <p>No</p>													
<p>5. Are there any policies addressing e-Business & innovation in parallel? Please select “yes”, “no” “don’t know” and if selected “yes” give an example (max 3)</p> <p>No example</p>													
<p>6. Which organisation(s) is/are responsible for interlink between e-Business & Innovation in your country? Please provide name of organisation and indicate the level (e.g. national, regional, local)</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name organisation</th> <th>Level</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ministry of Economics</td> <td>National government</td> </tr> <tr> <td>National Council of Information Society</td> <td>National government</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National government</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National government</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Name organisation	Level	Ministry of Economics	National government	National Council of Information Society	National government		National government		National government
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<p>7. Please indicate a possible policy maker(s) from your country who is (are) pro-active, and who you think will be able to contribute/or learn from a workshop in this area, please provide:</p> <p>Name and Position: Ina Gudele, Director</p>													



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