

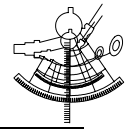
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Conference on e-Business and Innovation 26 – 27 May 2005

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:

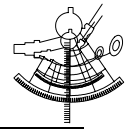
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<i>Questions related to e-Business & Innovation instruments</i>					
1. Are there any policy instruments from the innovation policy field that are aimed at supporting e-business at companies?					
<i>Please select for each innovation policy field "yes", "no" "don't know"</i>					
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
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
2. Are there other examples of policy instruments interlinking innovation and e-business from other policy areas?					
<i>Please select "yes", "no" "don't know". If yes, please provide the policy field</i>					
No		Don't know			
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					
<i>Please indicate the policy field, managing organisation and give a short description of the instrument (max 3 sentences).</i>					



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Name	policy field	Organisation	Description
National RTDI Programme	A	Malta Council for Science and Technology	The Programme is aimed at promoting research and innovation by providing research grants to academia and SMEs. In particular the Programme provides funding for SME collaborative research in any area including ICT and e-business.
Innovation Relay Centre Network	C	Innovation Relay Centre	The Innovation Relay Centre Malta through its links with 68 other IRCs in Europe provides local SMEs with technology transfer, partnering and networking support. The IRC assists SMEs to identify solution to their technology needs, by disseminating a technology profile throughout the network. The SME is put in contact with interested businesses or R&D centres in Europe that can supply new technologies and ideas pertinent to its particular requirements. ICT is one of the targeted areas.
Kordin Business Incubation Centre Malta	F	Malta Enterprise	The Kordin Business Incubation Centre is a business development programme designed to assist entrepreneurs to develop and accelerate their start-up businesses in a wise and cost effective manner. The programme is being funded, developed and managed by Malta Enterprise, with the collaboration of institutional partners. ICT is one of the key targeted areas.
<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>Yes National eBusiness Strategy</p>			
<p>6. Which organisation(s) is/are responsible for interlink between e-Business & Innovation in</p>			



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your country?

Please provide name of organisation and indicate the level (e.g. national, regional, local)

Name organisation	Level
Ministry for Investment, Industry and Information Technology	National government
Malta Council for Science and Technology	National government
Malta Enterprise	National government
University of Malta	National government

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:

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