ERCIM and ETSI - Accelerating European Innovation: ICT Research Meets Standards

ERCIM and ETSI, the ICT Research and Standardisation bodies, have co-signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch their future close collaboration.

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The MoU encapsulates the organisations’ joint aims to:
• Exploit areas of synergy between Research and Standardisation in the innovation food chain
• Accelerate R&D innovation cycles
• Reduce time-to-market.

The organisations’ commitment to their future collaboration was initiated by an inaugural high level Seminar at ETSI Headquarters on Thursday 29, November, the first in a series of envisaged joint events. The Seminar took place in Sophia Antipolis, France, where both ERCIM and ETSI have their operations.

The Seminar included presentations from the European Commission -DG Information Society & Media and the Joint Research Council (JRC) - as well as from top level representatives from Alcatel-Lucent, the Austrian Academy of Science, BT, Ericsson, Fraunhofer, UCD Ireland and W3C.

According to ETSI Director-General, Walter Weigel:
“ICT markets are shaped by [ETSI] Standards which enable the widespread use of new technologies developed after extensive research activities led by organisations such as ERCIM and so cooperation between our two communities can only be beneficial. This is an exciting development for all innovation food chain stakeholders and our corridors are already buzzing with ideas for the future”.

ERCIM President, Keith Jeffery said:
“The greatest satisfaction for researchers is to see their ideas carried forward to products and services that are used widely. There are many examples where ERCIM researchers have achieved this. However, this cooperation with ETSI allows us to accelerate the innovation chain by overlapping research, testing, standardisation and exploitation, thus creating a leading position for the ICT industry within Europe, the results of which will then spread -like the World Wide Web- to the rest of the world.”

The Seminar programme, agenda, presentations and speaker biographies are available via the ETSI web site at: www.etsi.org/WebSite/NewsandEvents/infinty_home.aspx

The MoU envisages a number of joint events including advanced workshops, seminars and meetings. It aims to strengthen the links between standardisation and research and has the support of the European Commission.

About ETSI:
ETSI produces globally-applicable standards for Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), including fixed, mobile, radio, converged, broadcast and internet technologies and is officially recognized by the European Commission as a European Standards Organisation. ETSI is a not-for-profit organisation whose 700 member organisations benefit from direct participation and are drawn from 60 countries worldwide. For more information, please visit: www.etsi.org

About ERCIM:
The European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics, or ERCIM, is an organisation that aims to foster collaborative work within the European research community in ICT and Applied Mathematics, advise the European Commission and national governments, and increase co-operation with European industry. As a European Economic Interest Grouping, ERCIM links the resources of its members to create a force of over 12000 researchers. Leading research institutes from eighteen European countries are members of ERCIM. The World Wide Web Consortium, or W3C, is hosted in Europe by ERCIM.

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