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The first e-SENS conference engages the public and private sector in discussion on how to make e-services a reality in Europe

The conference titled “Making e-Services a Reality in Europe” was the first event organised by the e-SENS project. It took place on 6–7 November at Public Research Centre Henri Tudor, Luxembourg. The event successfully brought together nearly 150 participants from all over the EU – the key players for building cross-border digital public services, including government representatives, the IT industry, SMEs and the European Commission. During the presentations, debates and thematic sessions, speakers from various institutions, sectors and policy areas shared their ideas and vision for future European e-Government.

One of the main goals of the event was to present the key components developed by e-SENS for making the Digital Single Market a reality. Generic and re-usable technical building blocks (BBs) are the foundation for the technical architecture and enable online systems to work more efficiently across-borders. They not only result in a reduction of administrative burdens, but also facilitate e-service interoperability in various domains. The development of BBs, together with their real-life testing on national systems and a stable sustainability plan, all of which were explained at the event, are crucial elements for expanding public e-services and making them accessible all over Europe.

The developments and achievements of e-SENS, with the invaluable support of EC delegates, were also presented in the context of key European initiatives and regulations, aiming to unlock the potential of the European Single Market. The project's close cooperation with CEF (Connecting Europe Facility), a new financing instrument for trans-European networks in 2014–2020, in the area of BB provision as well as sustainability, was strongly underlined. Business opportunities for SMEs, created by both CEF and e-SENS, were put into focus, with numerous examples of commercial use provided. The opportunity to engage in the project, to follow its progress, and finally to exploit the results, aroused a great deal of interest. It was also emphasised, that the private sector is needed to help Europe benefit from the new digital age, also in public administration.

“Making e-Services a Reality in Europe” proved, that by working side by side, we can build technical components, connect national systems and grow interoperable public services accessible across the European Union.

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