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Breaking down barriers to business with e-SENS

The EU's ambition is for all public services across Europe to be fully online, with full e-Procurement an objective by 2018. Is your organisation prepared for this?

For public sector organisations, 'going digital' does not just mean greater efficiency. In the area of procurement, for example, public bodies across Europe are cutting between 5% and 20% of costs by making the transition to e-Procurement. E-procurement also ensures lower prices and better quality and variety of tender bids, because it allows access to a much wider field of SME and professional competitors. But where can public bodies find cost-effective, future-proofed, reliable and interoperable solutions for their online processes?

e-SENS, the EU's initiative focusing on delivery of digital public cross - border services is currently developing IT components and the capability to build tailored online tools. It is providing digital solutions in many areas of business and consumer activity, in line with the EU's strategy to bring Europe's single market activity fully online. At present, less than 10% of Europe's SMEs sell across EU borders, and citizens' access to services in areas such as justice and healthcare are still predominantly 'off-line', and slower, once they are outside their own member state.

e-SENS is deeply involved in piloting technical solutions to enable fundamental tools such as online document delivery (e-Delivery), secure authentication, e-identification and semantic interoperability. These allow seamless communication in the areas of online business registration, e-Health, e-Education and other services enshrined in the idea of the Digital Single Market.

In the rapidly developing area of e-Justice, e-SENS works with e-CODEX, an EU large scale pilot enabling online court claims across borders, in areas including civil, commercial and matrimonial matters. The piloting results are fed into the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) financing programme, which puts forward a set of production-ready building blocks that provide 'out of the box' tools and services.

Innovations in digital public services will be showcased at the e-SENS booth at Europe's largest IT fair - CeBIT. In collaboration with the other initiatives of the European Commission - e-CODEX, e-IDAS and CEF - the booth will demonstrate, hands-on, IT components which provide cross-border interoperable e-services. The stand will also highlight the EU legislation which addresses the challenges of connecting Europe and puts high expectations on public and business players. Visitors will be able to play and learn with innovative gimmicks such as vending machine, touch table, sliding monitors and other attractions – so come on in and see for yourself!

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