



Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme

VISIONAIR

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European Sites Tour

On the 28th of October a visit to Kenniswijk was planned as part of the European Sites Tour going from London to Eindhoven, Brussels, Nice ending at the Net@Home conference in Cannes. Due to logistic problems, however, the group wasn't able to reach Eindhoven. In order to fulfil the groups desire to hear about the VisionAIR-project it was presented later in the day at the Living Tomorrow facility in Brussels. Especially the mixture of applied technology in a real live user environment in four European cities was being seen as a major interest to the participating members of the group. This was confirmed later in the week at the Net@Home conference and exhibition, where many of the participants came to visit the booth and asked for more information and showed their interest in further connection to the project.

Concertation meeting (NAVSHP)

In the morning of the 29th Christos Georgopoulos (InAccess), Jacco Kwaai-taal (Eindhoven University of Technology) and Ricardo Krikke (Kenniswijk, smart city Eindhoven) attended the presentations with regard to mainly FP6 projects. All of the projects were very technology driven. Very few of them had extensive user trials and as far as they spoke about services, no concrete end-user services were offered in the projects.

List of relevant conferences:

2004 IEEE CONSUMER COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING CONFERENCE

"Consumer Networking: Closing the Digital Divide"

Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada USA / January 5-8, 2004

Sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society

http://www.ccnc2004.org/

Networks 2004 11th International Telecommunications Network Strategy and Planning Symposium

June 13 - 16, 2004 Arcotel Wimberger, Vienna, Austria

http://www.networks2004.at





Exhibition

During the 2-day conference and exhibition discussions were held with some 30 people from all areas of the home-networking branch, ranging from equipment vendors like Siemens, Bosch, Samsung, Hitachi, HP to organizations in the area of infrastructures like EDF (involved in the French Municipality Pau project), Belgacom and associations / initiatives like Konnex. The general interest of the people at the booth was in the areas of consumer experiences and business-modelling. Many constructive discussions were about these two aspects since these differ from almost all other projects presented at the exhibition and conference.



Conclusion

The conclusion derived by attending partners is that we are well on our way with respect to the concept and definition of the VisionAIR platform and the initial thoughts about the business model. However, many more aspects will have to be covered in the area of user assessment, business modelling and processing and defining the role, structure and architecture of the VisionAIR concept.



Other VisionAIR news:

VisionAIR has had a successful Project Review on October 17, 2003.