

Round table, 30 June 2006, Brussels

ICT and E-Business in the Construction Industry:
Trends and implications for policy

Topic	ICT and electronic business in the construction industry
Time	30 June 2006, 10:00 – 13:00 hrs.
Location & venue	Confédération Construction Rue du Lombard 34-42 1000 Brussels
Chair	Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Rambøll Management & Georgios Karageorgos, European Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry
Background and objectives	<p><i>e-Business W@tch</i> is an observatory implemented by the European Commission since late 2001. Its mission is to monitor and assess the uptake and use of ICT among enterprises in the EU and beyond.</p> <p>The 2006 <i>e-Business W@tch</i> study of ICT and e-business in the construction industry shows a number of interesting developments: new possibilities for digital modelling and exchange of electronic documents are gaining ground; large construction enterprises and the public sector are driving developments but the plethora of smaller firms are lagging behind.</p> <p>At this workshop, <i>e-Business W@tch</i> will present its preliminary findings for the construction industry and discuss with selected industry representatives issues related to electronic procurement, project web and 3D technologies (Building Information Modelling).</p> <p>The workshop will have a round-table format thus enabling interactive discussion with industry representatives and e-business experts about current ICT trends and challenges in the European construction industry, with a view on potential policy implications.</p>
Participation & registration	Participation is restricted to invited participants and free of cost. <i>Please note that travel or any other expenses can not be reimbursed.</i> Registrations and requests for further information can be made by e-mail, letter or fax to:
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Workshop Programme

10:00 – 10:30	<p>Introduction: E-Business as a European Policy Concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and opening <i>Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Ramboll Management</i>• E-business related activities of DG Enterprise & Industry <i>Georgios Karageorgos, European Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry</i> <i>Antonio Paparella, European Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry</i>• The 2006 e-Business W@tch study on Construction Industry study; Preliminary results of the e-Business Survey and overview of the analysis <i>Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Ramboll Management</i> <hr/>
10:30 – 11:30	<p>Use of ICT and electronic business in the construction industry: the state of play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recent developments in e-business in the construction industry: e-procurement, project web solutions and 3D technologies <i>Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Ramboll Management</i> <i>Anders Pennerup Gantzhorn, Analyst, Ramboll Management</i> <p>Discussant: Mr. Prof. Arturas Kaklauskas, Chairman of the Department of Construction Economics and Real Estate, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University</p> <p><i>Chair: Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Ramboll Management</i></p> <hr/>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>Coffee break</p> <hr/>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Policy implications & concluding discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Norwegian initiative on digital construction <i>Mr. Øivind Rooth, The National Office of Building Technology and Administration, Norway</i>• Discussion: Policy implications for e-business in the construction industry<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Identification of possible issues for policy</i>• <i>Needs for action at European or Member State level?</i> <p><i>Introduction: Kasper Ovesen, Manager, Ramboll Management</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Georgios Karageorgos, European Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry</i></p> <hr/>
13:00	<p>Sandwich lunch</p> <hr/>