SAVE THE DATE - INVITATION TO THE MEDIA

Dear Journalist,

Have we entered a new age of democracy thanks to digital technologies? What are the most innovative solutions for public administrations to better interact with citizens and businesses? Find out at the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference on 19-20 November 2009, in Malmö, Sweden.

What?

- A new vision for eGovernment policies in Europe will be put forward in a Ministerial Declaration and presented to the press by the European Commission and the Swedish Presidency of the EU.
- A two-day conference and exhibition will highlight the most innovative solutions and showcase the best eGovernment projects from all over Europe:
 - ⇒ A unique opportunity to get an accurate insight into the changes to come and to meet with high-level policy makers, key industry leaders and top advisors.
 - ⇒ An **exhibition of 52 projects will showcase today's best practices** developed by public authorities at local, regional or national level across Europe. These projects will be competing for the prestigious **European eGovernment Awards 2009.** The awards ceremony will take place at the conference.
 - ⇒ <u>Check it out</u>: There must be several competing projects in your country. www.epractice.eu/awards

Where?

Exhibition & Convention Center, Malmö, Sweden

When?

Conference and exhibition: 19-20 November 2009

For the Media

Special programme for journalists on Thursday 19 November includes: a press conference presenting the Ministerial Declaration; a VIP guided tour of the exhibition; the eGovernment Awards ceremony with the possibility of one-to-one interviews with the winners. Ad hoc activities for Swedish journalists are scheduled on Wednesday 18 November (afternoon).

Conference programme & additional information: www.egov2009.se

Media accreditation: www.egov2009.se/press/

A media centre will be available on site and will offer a full range of facilities.

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