

**DECISION No 2113/2005/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
of 14 December 2005**

**amending Decision No 2256/2003/EC with a view to extension of the programme in 2006 for the dissemination of good practices and monitoring of the take-up of information and communication technologies (ICTs)**

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 157(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

After consulting the Committee of the Regions,

Acting in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 251 of the Treaty <sup>(2)</sup>,

Whereas:

- (1) Decision No 2256/2003/EC <sup>(3)</sup>, established the Modinis programme for the monitoring of the eEurope 2005 Action Plan, dissemination of good practices and the improvement of information and network security for the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) Decision No 2256/2003/EC was amended by Decision No 787/2004/EC in order to adapt the reference amounts to take account of the enlargement of the European Union.
- (3) In its Resolution of 9 December 2004 on looking into the future of information communication technologies (ICT) <sup>(4)</sup>, the Council invited the Commission to start preparatory work for the follow-up to the eEurope 2005 Action Plan as an important part of the new Agenda for the Information Society beyond 2005.
- (4) The Commission Communication of 19 November 2004, entitled 'Challenges for the European Information Society beyond 2005', analyses the challenges that a European information society strategy up to 2010 must address. It

argues for wider use of ICTs and for continued policy attention to ICT-related issues, which involves the need for monitoring and exchange of good practices. That Communication was the starting point for a reflection process that led to a new Information Society initiative in 2005, to start in 2006.

- (5) The new initiative, entitled 'i2010: European Information Society', was announced in the Commission Communication of 2 February 2005 to the Spring European Council, entitled 'Working together for growth and jobs – A new start for the Lisbon Strategy', aiming at stimulating the take-up of ICTs.
- (6) The Commission Communication of 1 June 2005, entitled 'i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment', outlines the key policy priorities of a five-year strategy to promote an open and competitive digital economy. The promotion of exchange of good practices and the monitoring of the take-up of ICT-enabled services will continue to support the dialogue with stakeholders and Member States, notably in the context of the open method of coordination.
- (7) In the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a competitiveness and innovation framework programme (2007 to 2013), a framework programme for Community action in the field of competitiveness and innovation, covering the period 2007 to 2013, is proposed which brings together specific Community measures contributing to entrepreneurship, SMEs, industrial competitiveness, innovation, information and communication technology, environmental technologies and intelligent energy, including those measures provided for in Decision No 2256/2003/EC.
- (8) Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on the information society <sup>(5)</sup> establishes a common framework for the systematic production of Community statistics on the information society. These statistics include information required for the eEurope benchmarking process, are relevant to the structural indicators supporting the monitoring of performance of Member States and are necessary in order to provide a uniform basis for analysis of the Information Society.

<sup>(1)</sup> Opinion delivered on 27 October 2005 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

<sup>(2)</sup> Opinion of the European Parliament of 15 November 2005 (not yet published in the Official Journal) and Council Decision of 1 December 2005.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 336, 23.12.2003, p. 1. Decision as amended by Decision No 787/2004/EC (OJ L 138, 30.4.2004, p. 12).

<sup>(4)</sup> OJ C 62, 12.3.2005, p. 1.

<sup>(5)</sup> OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 49.

- (9) In the 12 months between the expiry of the eEurope 2005 Action Plan and the anticipated start of the Framework Programme in 2007, the take-up of ICTs across the economy needs to be monitored and supported through continuation of benchmarking and statistical analysis based on structural indicators, and the exchange of good practices. The actions taken under the programme on benchmarking, good practices and policy coordination in 2006 will support the achievement of the objectives of the abovementioned Commission Communications of 2 February 2005 and 1 June 2005.
- (10) The mechanisms for monitoring and for the exchange of experiences, benchmarking activities, dissemination of good practices and analysis of economic and societal consequences of the information society should be continued in 2006 to achieve the objectives of the Commission Communication of 2 February 2005, aiming at stimulating the take-up of ICTs as a continuation of the eEurope agenda, and those of the Commission Communication of 1 June 2005.
- (11) Decision No 2256/2003/EC should therefore be amended,
- (c) to analyse the economic and societal consequences of the information society with a view to facilitating policy discussions particularly in terms of competitiveness, growth and employment as well as in terms of social inclusion.
2. The activities of the programme shall be actions of a cross-sectorial nature, complementing Community actions in other fields. None of these actions shall duplicate the work being carried out in these fields under other Community programmes. The actions taken under the programme on benchmarking, good practices and policy coordination shall work to achieve the objectives of the Commission Communication of 2 February 2005 to the Spring European Council, entitled "Working together for growth and jobs – A new start for the Lisbon Strategy", aiming at stimulating the take-up of ICTs as a continuation of the eEurope agenda and in particular promoting broadband, eGovernment, eBusiness, eHealth and eLearning, and the objectives of the Commission Communication of 1 June 2005, entitled "i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment", promoting an open and competitive digital economy.
3. The programme shall also provide a common framework for complementary interaction at European level of the various national, regional and local levels.;

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Decision No 2256/2003/EC is hereby amended as follows:

1. the following Article shall be inserted:

*'Article 1a*

1. The programme for 2006 shall continue the monitoring of the take-up and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) across the economy and the dissemination of good practices, and shall have the following objectives:

- (a) to monitor performance of and within Member States and to compare it with the best in the world by using, where possible, official statistics;
- (b) to support efforts by Member States to stimulate the use of ICTs at national, regional or local level, by analysis of good practices and by the complementary interaction of developing mechanisms of exchange of experiences;

2. the following Article shall be inserted:

*'Article 2a*

In order to attain the objectives referred to in Article 1a, the following categories of actions shall be undertaken:

- (a) Action 1

Monitoring and comparison of performance:

- data collection and analysis on the basis of the benchmarking indicators as defined in the Council resolution of 18 February 2003 on the implementation of the eEurope 2005 Action Plan, including regional indicators, where appropriate, and Regulation (EC) No 808/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 concerning Community statistics on the information society (\*).

- (b) Action 2

Dissemination of good practices:

- studies to identify good practices, at national, regional and local level, contributing to successful take up of ICTs across the economy,

- support for targeted conferences, seminars or workshops, dissemination, information and communication activities in support of the objectives of the Commission Communication of 2 February 2005 to the Spring European Council, entitled “Working together for growth and jobs – A new start for the Lisbon Strategy”, aiming at stimulating the take-up of ICTs as a continuation of the eEurope agenda, and the Commission Communication of 1 June 2005, entitled “i2010 – A European Information Society for growth and employment”, promoting an open and competitive digital economy, in order to promote cooperation and exchange of experiences and good practices as defined in Article 1a(1)(b).

(c) Action 3

Analysis and strategic discussion:

- support the work of social and economic experts with a view to providing the Commission with input as regards prospective policy analysis.

(\*) OJ L 143, 30.4.2004, p. 49.’

3. in Article 4, the first paragraph shall be replaced by the following:

‘The programme shall cover the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2006.

The financial framework for the implementation of this programme is hereby set at EUR 30 160 000.’.

4. the Annex shall be replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Strasbourg, 14 December 2005.

*For the European Parliament*  
*The President*  
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
C. CLARKE

## ANNEX

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**Multiannual programme for the monitoring of eEurope, dissemination of good practices and the improvement of network and information security (Modinis)****Indicative breakdown of expenditure 2003 to 2005**

Percentages of total budget by category and year				
	2003	2004	2005	Total 2003 to 2005
Action 1 – Monitoring and comparison of performance	12 %	14 %	14 %	40 %
Action 2 – Dissemination of good practices	8 %	10 %	12 %	30 %
Action 3 – Analysis and strategic discussion	2 %	3 %	3 %	8 %
Action 4 – Improvement of network and information security	17 %	5 %	0 %	22 %
Percentage of Total	39 %	32 %	29 %	100 %

**Indicative breakdown of expenditure 2006**

Percentages of total budget by category and year	
	2006
Action 1 – Monitoring and comparison of performance	55 %
Action 2 – Dissemination of good practices	30 %
Action 3 – Analysis and strategic discussion	15 %
Action 4 – Improvement of network and information security	0 %
Percentage of Total	100 %