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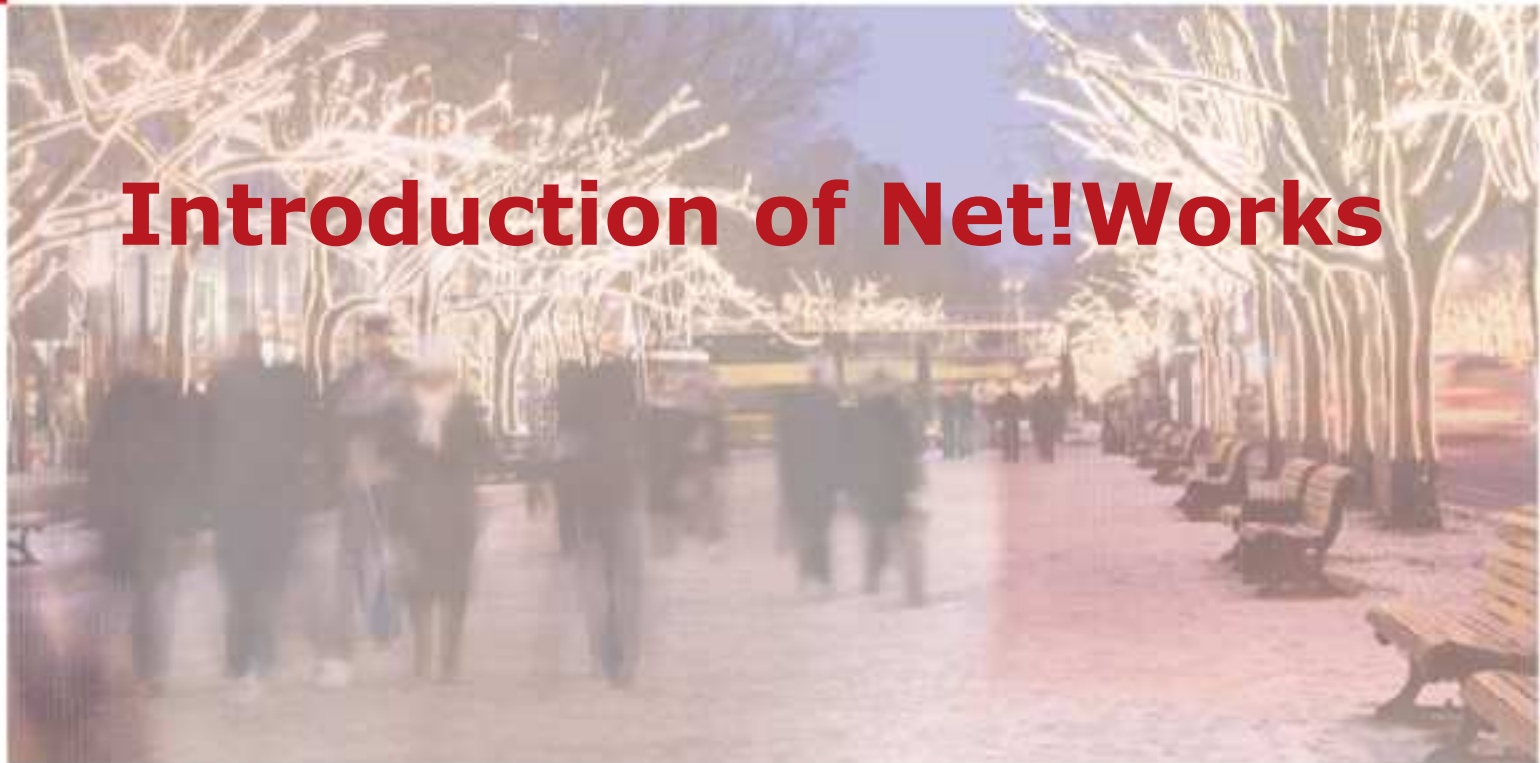
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# Introduction of Net!Works



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Net!Works

## New name and brand of the eMobility European Technology Platform

The eMobility ETP has changed its name to **Net!Works** in order to reflect the convergence of fixed and mobile systems as well as to distinguish its area from “electro mobility”.

**Net!Works is the European Technology Platform for the communications network community**, promoting public and private investment in R&D on communications networking research challenges.

Net!Works

eMobility  
(Connect to the network community)

Your **eMobility**

**Technology Platform**

with its' new scope,

image and name

## Economic importance of the telecoms sector (1/2)

- A strong European leadership in communication networks is important for Europe's economy:
  - In the European Union, ICT contributes to 50% of the economic growth (directly or indirectly).
- According to The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, a \$10 billion investment in 1 year in broadband networks would create almost 500 000 jobs in the US.
- 7 of the 10 largest telecoms operators in the world are from Europe.

## Economic importance of the telecoms sector (2/2)

- In 2007 the ICT sector represented <sup>1</sup>
  - 4.8% of GDP (€540 billion)
  - 3% of total employment (6.1 million employees)
  - accounted for 25% of overall business expenditure in R&D and employed 32.4% of all business sector researchers
- Major manufacturers in communications based in Europe
- Global figures of Alcatel-Lucent, Ericsson and Nokia (including Nokia Siemens Networks) <sup>2</sup>
  - Total R&D: 10.1 billion € in 2009
  - Total sales: 76.3 billion € in 2009
  - Total employees: 287900
  - Total R&D employees:



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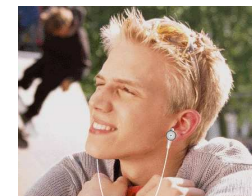
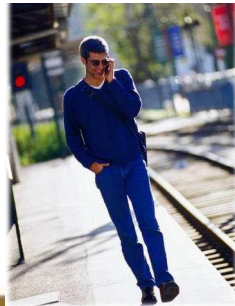
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## Communications Success Stories

- Most successes from the European networking industry projects are “invisible” for general public: mobile communication standards, ADSL, optical broadband ...
- European collaborative R&D projects have contributed in the development of
  - the third-generation mobile systems, the most widely adopted system in the world, and
  - the LTE and IMT-Advanced for broadband mobile.
- Cooperation of all sectors necessary along value chain from physical layer software technology, applications and enabling technologies for economic successful solutions





## Net!Works and the Digital Agenda (1/2)

- The “Digital Single Market” Priority

Net!Works supports the development of all new technologies that make possible a digital single market to exist.

- The “Interoperability and Standards” priority

Net!Works cooperates with the Commission and with other ETPs in order to develop interoperable standards.

- The “Trust and Security” priority

Net!Works-related research projects will help Europeans feel that they can fully rely upon their networks.

- The “Fast and Ultra Fast Internet Access” Priority

Investing in R&D in this sector is the only solution to develop the appropriate innovative technologies.

## Net!Works and the Digital Agenda (2/2)

- The “Research and Innovation” priority

Research and innovation on broadband fixed and mobile communication systems is the core of Net!Works.

- The “Enhancing Digital Skills, Literacy and inclusion” priority

Bringing Internet access subscriptions above 100 Mbps to 50% of Europeans will ensure that websites providing public services are accessible to all citizens.

- The “ICT-enabled benefits for EU society” priority

Supporting solutions for Grand Societal Challenges such as climate change, health, aging population



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## Net!Works and the Grand Societal Challenges

- The “Environment and Energy Efficiency” Challenge

Monitoring environmental parameters, and providing the means to have alarms; Efficient resources management; Technology waste.



- The “Health and Demographic Change” Challenge

Future wireless diagnostic and disease management systems; hospital consultation and emergency scenarios; assistive technologies; well being and personalisation.



- The “Transport” Challenge

Urban and road traffic control; efficient trip management; vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communications; the mobile office.



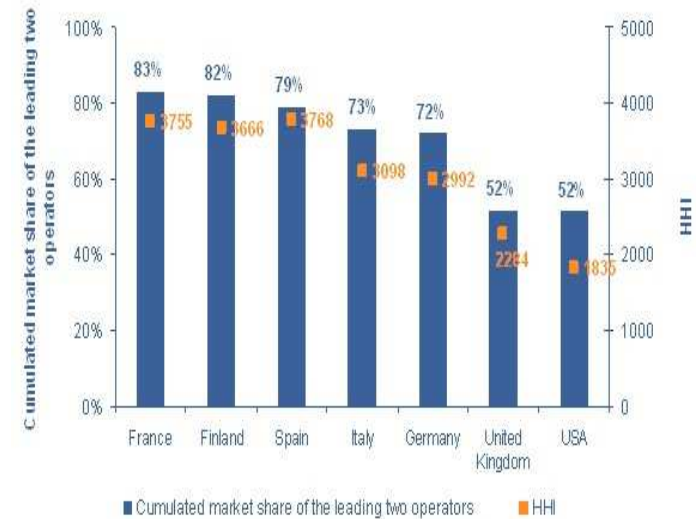
# R&D capabilities and priorities



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## R&D capabilities of telecoms stakeholders

- European telecom operators in 2009 had a workforce of 1 million employees and R&D spending of over €4 500 million.
- During the crisis, the ICT industry kept as much as possible R&D and investment:
  - The R&D spending of European companies decreased only by 4.7 %, where their sales decreased by 14 %.
  - European firms cut investment less than their American competitors (-2.5 % for Europe while -5.1 % for the US).



European leadership in telecommunications (2006)

## Priorities in R&D (1/2)

- Europe must continue strengthen its position in the telecommunication sector in order to remain the worldwide leader.
- ICT is essential for continued economic growth and job creation in Europe across all industry sectors and society.
- Research on new networks and services has to start now to be ready
  - to support the mass market use of new applications in 2020 and
  - in particular to support solutions for Grand Societal Challenges.



## Priorities in R&D (2/2)

- With respect to Grand Societal Challenges research priorities in different areas
  - Applications (Health, transport, environment, Future Internet as key enabler)
  - Context provisioning, user profiling for user-centric services (Management, security, trust, privacy)
  - Roadmaps on standardisation, regulation and technology
  - Trust, security, dependability and privacy
  - Mobile and wireless communication (Complexity, connectivity, user devices, network management, roaming and routing, self-organising networks)
  - Machine-to-machine communications – Internet of Things (Autonomous operation, ubiquitous connectivity, interoperability, context awareness)
  - Cognitive radio systems (Cognitive networking, cognitive radio platforms)
  - Broadband mobile systems (Evolution of cellular mobile, new networking)
  - Optical fibre technologies and radio over fibre (Optical network switching, RoF subsystems and components, optical-wireless component integration)
  - Future Internet (Key enabler for Grand Societal Challenges)
  - Green wireless communications (Terminals, infrastructure, networking, deployment, operation)



# Recommendations for future funding instruments



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## Recommendations for future funding instruments

- In ICT cooperation between stakeholders across EU Member States and beyond essential
  - to develop new systems,
  - to create consensus and
  - to prepare future standards
- Today's Collaboration Program in EU FP 7 offers research funding instruments with single source of funding such as
  - Integrated Projects (IPs) and
  - Strategic Targeted Research Projects (STREPs).
- They are well complemented by EUREKA and national R&D programmes.
- Instruments of FP7 Cooperation Programme support needs of collaborative research for stakeholders in Europe and **should be maintained in FP 8 with sufficient budget allocation.**

