eLEGAL 2002

European Conference on Legal Aspects of ICT Application in Project-Based Business

Loughborough University, UK, 3-4 October 2002

CALL FOR PAPERS

The second international event to raise awareness of 'eLEGAL' issues is being organised for 3-4 October 2002 as part of the EC funded eLEGAL European research project (IST-1999-20570). It is being held at Loughborough University, in the heart of the UK, with easy access to airports and London.

This conference seeks to review developments in the field of **Information and Communication Technology (ICT) applications and their inherent legal issues, ICT-related law (national and international regulatory frameworks affecting ICT applications), and current and future industry practices protecting authors, owners, distributors of electronic project information – and the clients of these project-based businesses.**

The provision of legal support for ICTs is a key step to improving business applications of these technologies, and this will be demonstrated through a presentation of some of the findings of the eLEGAL project. The eLEGAL project is seeking to define a framework for legal conditions and contracts regarding the use of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) in project businesses to promote enhanced business practice in which the use of ICT in inter-enterprise information exchange is contractually stipulated. The project includes engineering, legal and academic partners from the UK, Finland, Germany and Italy.

The organising committee for the conference invites submission of papers from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- current contractual practice related to ICT;
- interfaces between contractual practices/regulatory frameworks of different EU countries;
- the rapidly changing application of ICTs to project-based businesses and the legal ramifications;
- ICT support for virtual enterprises (VEs) and surrounding legal issues;
- legal support requirements for the application of ICTs to VEs;
- the development of XML for legal support/ICT integration;
- legal issues surrounding AEC objects, i.e. IFC's and STEP;
- eContracting;
- ICT applications in the construction industry and related legal issues; and
- Related standardisation issues.

Timetable

Registration of interest/intent	Immediately
Abstracts (maximum 500 words)	30 April 2002
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	15 May 2002
Complete paper submission	28 June 2002
Notification of acceptance/amendments of papers	30 August 2002
Conference	3 – 4 October 2002

Abstract Submission Please send email attachments in Word or rtf format to eLEGAL@Lboro.ac.uk

Further information on eLEGAL is available at: http://eLEGAL.vtt.fi/projects/elegal/

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