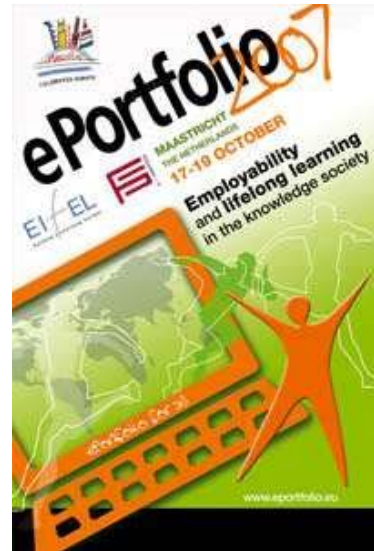


Heerlen, June 2007

Dear madam, dear sir,

On behalf of Prof.dr. Rob Koper and the scientific programme committee of the [ePortfolio 2007 conference](#), I would like to invite academics or practitioners with a PhD-level in the field of technology-enhanced learning, lifelong competence development, or related research domains to act as reviewer for the academic track of the ePortfolio2007 conference.



This year's conference theme is **Employability and Lifelong Learning in the Knowledge Society**. The conference covers a broad range of topics related to the theme of lifelong learning, as listed on <http://events.eife-l.org/ep2007/call/Themes>.

The programme covers both a practitioner and an academic track, with Prof. Rob Koper acting as scientific programme chair. The most recent call for contributions is included in this document.

In practice, the academic reviewing period will consist of 6-8 weeks in the months of July and August. The deadline for paper submissions is July 15th, and the notification of authors is set at August 30th, 2007. Each reviewer will be expected to review 2 (max. 3) full or short papers. Full papers have a maximum length of 8 pages, short papers a maximum length of 4. The review process is supported by an online conference support tool. You will be asked to score the submissions assigned to you through an electronic form (an offline version of this form can be sent to you on request).

If you are willing to act as reviewer, I would kindly ask you to register by filling out some contact details at the following URL <http://www.conftool.net/ep2007/index.php?page=register>. Please make sure to select the button "**Submit User Data, Register Later**".

Please also reply to e-mail address below with a short summary of your background (or a CV), so that – if you are selected to act as reviewer - we can change your status to "**Member of the programme committee**", and start the paper assignment process.

Thanks in advance for your kind contribution to this conference.

Best wishes,

dr. Steven Verjans

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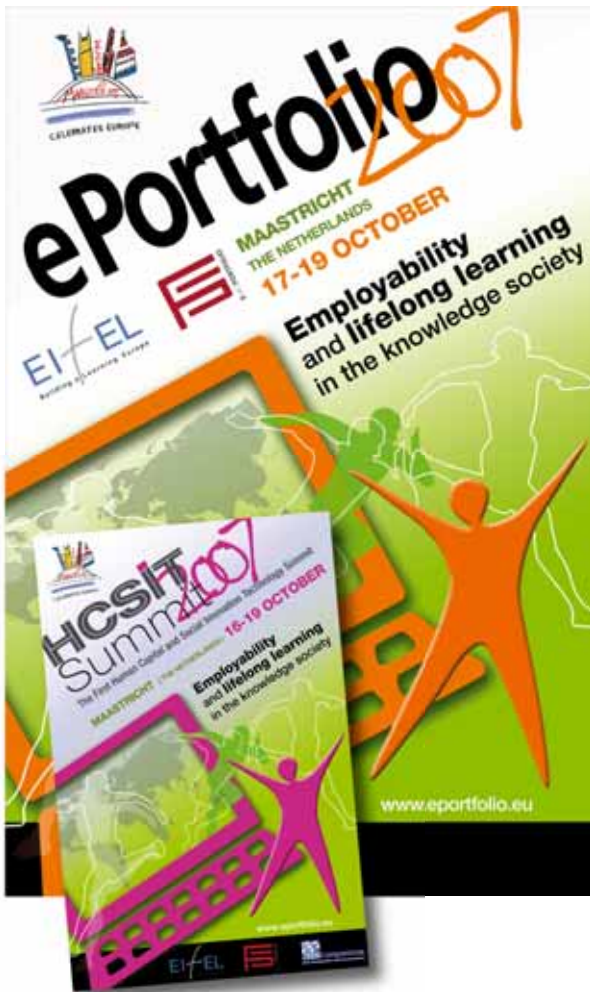
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Employability and lifelong learning in the knowledge society

Thriving in a knowledge society

The main theme of the 5th International ePortfolio conference is "*Employability and Lifelong Learning in the Knowledge Society*." This year the conference will be co-organised by EI+EL in partnership with the TENCompetence project, SURF, CWI, Kennisnet, Kenteq, the City of Maastricht and the Province of Limburg. It is part of the Human Capital and Social Innovation Technology Summit – Maastricht 16-19 October.

We invite the submission of papers that report original academic or industrial research in the areas of lifelong learning, employability and the ePortfolio. All academic papers will be peer-reviewed and published in the conference proceedings. Best papers will be selected to make an extended version to be published in a special issue of a scientific journal.



Besides researchers who contribute academic papers, we will also invite representatives from industry, public employment services, schools, universities to jointly discuss and explore some of the major challenges we face today related to employability, lifelong learning and the ePortfolio.

The challenges that will be discussed are:

1. Methods, theories and practice to ensure lifelong employability and social inclusion
2. Methods, theories and practice to cope with changing employment demands in society
3. Methods, technologies and standards for ePortfolios and new forms of assessment
4. Methods, technologies and standards related to (personal) competence development/lifelong learning
5. Supporting the repositioning of traditional organisations in the knowledge society (eg, role of libraries)
6. Creating online networks of learners and professionals in regions and professional sectors
7. Transforming education and training systems to meet the needs of the knowledge society
8. Improving massively the level of education and mastery of literacy and key skills
9. Ensuring the privacy and data protection related to ePortfolio
10. Implementing ePortfolio and related learning technologies effectively

More details on these challenges are available at the conference website: events.eife-l.org/ep2007/call/challenges

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Types of sessions

The review of conference submissions is organised around 2 main tracks: an academic track with peer reviewed research papers and a practitioner track with peer reviewed case studies, work in progress and posters.

The event comprises:

- **ePortfolio Plugfest** (17-19 October) – to explore current and future progress in the domain of ePortfolio interoperability
- **ePortfolio Master Classes** (17-19 October) – a series of hands on workshops to create ePortfolios with international ePortfolio experts like Helen Barrett and Evangeline Stefanakis
- **Associated events** (15-19 October) – a series of events co-located within the conference such as the HR-XML conference and a series of workshops organised by partners.
- **Main conference** (18-19 October) – with international keynote speakers and parallel workshops
- **Exhibition** (18-19 October) – an opportunity to exhibit education and employment ePortfolio-related solutions and services to future prospects.

If you would like to run your own event, workshop or tutorial, please send your proposals to the organiser - special fees might apply. Proposals for these events should be written in a style attractive to potential participants indicating clearly the topic, objectives, preferred date, duration, background knowledge expected of the participants, experience of the presenters as well as one or more abstracts.

The conference language is English (if you would like to organise a whole session in another language or support the translation to/from another language, please contact the organiser).

Conference Location

The venue, MECC (Maastrich Exhibition Conference Centre, <http://www.mecc.nl>), is located within the city, which is easily accessible by train (Thalys), plane (Aachen, Brussels or Eindhoven) and car.

Important Dates

Practitioner track (case studies, work in progress and posters) and academic track (full and short paper submissions)

- **15 July 2007** – Deadline for receipt of full and short paper submissions
- **30 August 2007** – Review completed and notification to authors
- **15 September 2007** – Author registration deadline
- **15 September 2007** – Deadline for camera ready papers for inclusion in the *proceedings* and the *conference papers*.

Submission guidelines

Each submission must explicitly address at least one of the 10 issues/challenges stated above. During the sessions the presenters will have the opportunity to state their individual contribution to these issues that will be the input for further debate and recommendations.

Contributions submitted should include a title, a 200 words abstract and references.

- **Short paper**: short description of ongoing or beginning work, topics for discussion, position papers, thesis descriptions. Length: 4 pages (A4, single spaced, times new roman 10) including figures, tables and references
- **Full paper**: full papers are detailed descriptions of scientific work. Length: 8 pages
- **Case study** (2-5 pages) – with or without 10-20 minutes presentation, including question time
- **Work-in-progress** (2- 5 pages) – with or without 10 minutes presentation, including question time
- **Poster** - A1 format – a space will be provided in the exhibition area

NB: while it is possible for an author to present 2 (or more) submissions in the different tracks, it is not possible to submit the same or similar submissions in 2 different tracks.

The submitted papers should be written in English and be formatted according to the conference template events.eife-l.org/ep2007/call/template/.

Contributions must be uploaded through the conference management portal: www.conftool.net/ep2007/

More information at events.eife-l.org/ep2007