



INVITATION

Dear Sir / Madam,

“Challenge of eCitizen – Promoting eGovernment Actions in European Cities”, a project financed by the INTERREG IIC North programme, is ending by the end of this year. eCitizen’s concrete results and the strong will of the project partners to continue the well-established cooperation encourage to start planning a new phase in interregional collaboration on eGovernment actions.

You are warmly welcome to the seminar **“eCitizen 2.0 –The First Preparation Seminar”** that takes place on **11 December 2007 in Brussels**. The seminar is organised jointly by Challenge of eCitizen project and the Union of the Baltic Cities Commission on Information Society (UBC IS Com).

The main aim of the seminar is to discuss the objectives and activities of the new project and to strengthen the partnership of eCitizen 2.0. Potential financing programmes will be introduced, as well as the eParticipation initiative of the EU Commission. The role and activities of UBC IS Com and the results of the eCitizen project are also included in the programme. The day ends with a discussion session where a true think-tank on the future is made possible.

The participants are kindly asked to fill in the registration form at http://www.baltic.org/events/current_events/ by **5 December 2007**.

The preliminary programme is enclosed. Participation is free of charge.

Welcome!

Further information on the seminar:

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

eCitizen 2.0 – First Preparation Seminar

Organised by Challenge of eCitizen project & Union of the Baltic Cities -
Commission on Information Society

Time: 11 December 2007

Venue: The House of Cities, Municipalities and Regions
1st Floor, Meeting Room Luxembourg
Square de Meeûs 1
1000 Brussels, Belgium

Preliminary agenda

- 13.30 **Registration**
- 14.00 **Opening of the seminar** / Ms Hannele Räikkönen, Head of Office, EU Liaison
Manager, Tampere Central Region EU Office
- 14.05 **UBC Commission on Information Society – Good framework for IS cooperation in the
Baltic Sea Region** / Mr Esa Kokkonen, The Baltic Institute of Finland
- 14.15 **eGovernment Development in St. Petersburg** / Mr Aleksey Azarskov, City of St.
Petersburg
- 14.30 **Challenge of eCitizen – Summary of project results** / Ms Katja Kaunismaa, The Baltic
Institute of Finland
- 14.50 **Potential financing programmes for eCitizen 2.0 - Interreg IVC and the Baltic Sea
Region Programme 2007- 2013** / Ms Katja Kaunismaa, The Baltic Institute of Finland
- 15.15 **Coffee**
- 15.45 **The eParticipation initiative of EU Commission– Empowering citizens in Europe /
Mr Thanassis Chrissafis, EU Commission, DG Information Society and Media**
- 16.15 **Invitation to discussion on eCitizen 2.0**
- Aims
- Partnership
- Financing programme
- Time schedule & Next steps
- 17.00 **Closing of the seminar**

