



PARADISO2

Aims and Objectives

It is quite paradoxical that, to a large extent, the "Future Internet" is explored today without exploring what the future of our societies might be...

If it is today well acknowledged that the world has profoundly changed during the last decades, it has to be acknowledged too that the world will probably profoundly change in the next decades in order to avoid major risks of breakdown.

Industrialized, emerging and developing countries will therefore need to agree, sooner or later, on an alternative way forward based on a true sustainable development, more sustainable economic and financial models, more equally shared resources. What is at stake is of course, ultimately, the wellbeing of all citizens of the world, to be measured by new indexes going beyond GDP.

PARADISO is an acronym formed by the two words PARADigm and SOcietal and an obvious reference to a better world...

Therefore, designing the Internet of the future is not only a question of technological developments, of user-centric approaches, of socio-economics issues. And even if it is not easy to predict the future, it doesn't mean we can't prepare for it.

The PARADISO project, defined in early 2007 and selected at ICT Call 1, has already advocated and explored this probable paradigm shift in global societal developments through the "PARADISO reference document". It thus appeared quite visionary and timely when the present economic and financial crisis expanded during the year 2008, which is probably one of the reasons of the significant project impact.

The PARADISO2 project, selected at ICT Call 5, will build on the assets and achievements of the PARADISO project and will be:

- more focused: while "PARADISO1" was encompassing the ICT sector at large, PARADISO2 will specifically focus on the Future Internet,
- more concrete: the two facets of the problem ("how should societies evolve" and "which FI can be suited to these societies") will be further explored, including functional and technological specification of the envisioned Future Internet, and recommendations concerning research to be developed in the framework of FP8.

The PARADISO2 project can count on the involvement of a multidisciplinary high-level expert panel composed of around 25 representatives of leading institutions, companies, research institutes, and NGOs from Europe and all over the world.



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HOW MIGHT OR SHOULD OUR SOCIETIES
EVOLVE IN THE NEXT DECADES?

HOW CAN ICT, AND THE INTERNET IN PARTICULAR,
CONTRIBUTE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD?



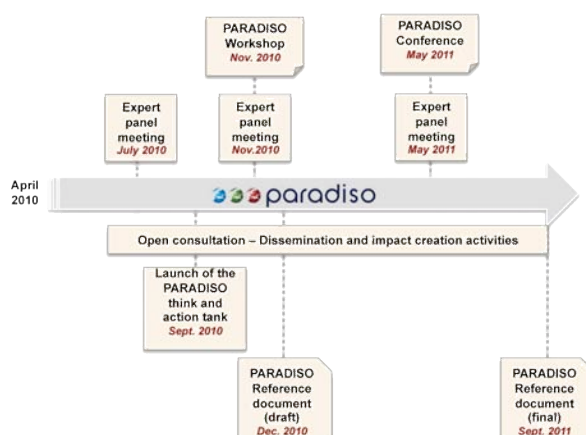
Action and Implementation

Project outputs will be detailed in successive versions of the "PARADISO reference document" released in December 2010 and in September 2011.

A PARADISO scientific workshop will be held in November 2010 in Brussels to present first project results and collect inputs from participants.

A PARADISO conference "Future Internet for a global sustainable future" will take place in May 2011 to promote final results and enhance the media and political impacts of the project.

Other dissemination activities will be developed, among them substantial contributions to publications and external events (including the European Commission's ICT event of Sept. 27-29, 2010 in Brussels).



Simplified Gantt chart
of the PARADISO2 project



Opening session of the PARADISO conference
organised in January 2009
at the European Commission in Brussels

Expected benefits

The PARADISO2 project should contribute offering a true opportunity to put Europe at the forefront of international developments, at a time when the EU has the ambition to be a leader in this field, particularly with the launch of the Future Internet ppp.

All project activities are open to any organisations interested in project approach and expected outputs. External contributions are welcomed, particularly through the project web site (and including from the public at large).

The sustainability beyond the formal project period of the momentum created by PARADISO will be investigated early in the project lifetime, so that an open "PARADISO think and action tank" can continue its activities, after the end of the project, on the basis of resources coming from the private sector and foundations