G-7 Information Society Conference
Brussels, 25 - 26 February 1995

The European Commission hosted this conference following the G7 Naples Summit of 9 July 1994, when the Heads of State and Government decided that a meeting should be organised in Brussels to give ministers the opportunity of discussing the means by which to "encourage and promote the innovation and development of new technologies, including, in particular, the implementation of open, competitive, and world-wide information infrastructures". At this conference they identified a number of selected projects where international co-operation could be an asset. These projects would aim at demonstrating the potential of the Information Society and stimulate its deployment. In 1998 it was decided that all G7 Pilot Projects are called "G8 Pilot Projects", with the joining of Russia.

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- Conclusions of the G7 Summit "Information Society Conference"
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- Theme Paper (27/01/1995)
- Programme
- Participants in the Round Table of Business Leaders chaired by Jacques Delors

Press Releases

- G7 countries to go On-Line, Cabinet Office, Office of Public Service and Science (28/03/1995)
- Liberalising the information Society (Commissioner Van Miert)
The Information Society Showcase goes interactive (22/02/1995)
Press statement by Jacques Santer (21/02/1995)
Showcase to illustrate Information Society (12/01/1995)

Speeches

- Mr. Thabo Mbeki, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa
- Mr. Robert E. Allen, Chairman and CEO AT&T
- Mr. Carlo De Benedetti, Chairman of Olivetti plc
- Mr. Peter Bonfield, Chairman and Chief Executive ICL plc
- Mr. Hiroshi Inose, Director General, National Center for Science Information Systems, and Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo plc
- Mrs. Letizia Brichetto Moratti, RAI President
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- Mr. L.R. Wilson, Chairman, President & CEO BCE Inc.
- Mr. Haruo Yamaguchi, Chairman of NTT
- Mr. Al Gore, US Vice-President
- Mr. Mario Monti, Commissioner
- Mr. Karel Van Miert, Commissioner
- Mr. Jose Rossi, Ministre Français de l'industrie, des Postes et Telecommunications et du Commerce Exterieur
- The Honourable Michel Dupuy, P.C.,M.P.
- Mr. Padraig Flynn, Commissioner

Background information

- Overview
- 10 Key questions
- Concepts, Work programme and examples of public and private initiatives
- Statement: Towards the Information Society
- Europe and the global information society: Recommendations to the European Council (also known as "The Bangemann Report")
- White Paper on growth, competitiveness, and employment - The challenges and ways forward into the 21st century - COM(93)700 final
- Fact Sheets on the Information Society
- Glossary
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