On 26-27 October the EUREKA ITEA2 Cluster for software-intensive systems and services in cooperation with ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking organised together their 3rd annual Co-summit in Ghent, Belgium. Over 600 participants from industry, academia and public authorities got together to discover 72 ground-breaking projects and attend plenary and parallel sessions focusing on this year’s theme ‘mobile and cloud power enabling massive scalability and opportunities for growth’. Day 1 of the two-day event offered an opportunity for ITEA 2 and ARTEMIS participants to see the progress made by their communities, while Day 2 provided an overview of the subjects reflecting the theme of the Co-summit.

ITEA2 Chairman Rudolf Haggenmüller opened the well-attended conference by presenting the outstanding success of the Cluster as testified by the new ‘12 years of ITEA: Achievements & results of the EUREKA programmes ITEA and ITEA 2’ book just published. The publication shows the vital role that these programmes have played in building a major resource to maintain and grow Europe’s industry through innovation and the mastering of software-intensive systems. It also outlines the need for ITEA 3. ITEA2 Vice-Chairman Philippe Letellier highlighted the Cluster’s focus on societal challenges, innovation and business impact.

Three ITEA projects were shortlisted for the 2010 Achievement Award: ESNA and ParMA were named as joint Gold winners, while Cam4Home took the Silver award. ‘2010 was the year of fast exploitation of project results,’ said ITEA 2 Chairman Rudolf Haggenmüller. This was reflected in the three projects shortlisted for the 2010 ITEA Achievements Awards. The standard of projects finishing in 2010 was high, making the choice of three winners particularly difficult. ESNA and ParMA were joint Gold award winners, while Cam4Home was the 2010 Silver award winner.

‘ITEA’s specificity lies in its effort to build local ecosystems while connecting them at European level,’ stressed Letellier.

‘Our success is in the concrete market and societal impact of the projects,’ added Haggenmüller.