ITEA 2 opened its sixth Call for projects

ITEA 2 Co-summit 2011
Cross-border cooperation for clean technologies

The Marriott Hotel Rive Gauche in Paris, France, was the venue for the ITEA 2 PO Preparation Days, which took place on 15 and 16 February 2011. Some 275 participants from 19 different countries attended the event, which resulted in a total of 25 project ideas during the final plenary session.

Some 650 participants from industry, research organisations, academia and public authorities joined the fourth European Co-summit organised by ITEA 2 – the EUREKA Cluster on software-intensive systems and services – and the ARTEMIS Joint Undertaking (JU) on embedded software in Helsinki, Finland on 25 and 26 October.

Day 1 focused on the Co-summit theme with a plenary programme including keynote presentations and a panel session, and in the afternoon parallel sessions on various topics.

Day 2 focused on the ITEA and ARTEMIS communities. ITEA 2 Vice Chairman Philippe Letellier outlined the changes expected in ITEA 3: “We will keep the same values but the new programme will be more agile with its living roadmap offering a dynamic shared view of future challenges, shorter times from project ideas to project starts and greater exploitation of the links with other clusters – both at European and national level.” During the 2011 Co-summit, a meeting of the ITEA Directors Committee involving public authorities confirmed support for the road towards the third ITEA programme.

Close collaboration between ITEA 2 and the ARTEMIS JU has ensured a complementary approach to embedded software and software-systems and services research in Europe and helped develop a critical mass to boost competitiveness and the wellbeing of society. “We have been organising this co-summit for four years now,” pointed out Rudolf Haggenmüller. “We are already operationally close and will now be closer strategically with the high level umbrella structure supported by Sherpa-style working groups on various topics.”

The event concentrated on the importance of cross-border co-operation in R&D with an ever-growing project exhibition with 76 ITEA and ARTEMIS projects demonstrating clearly the solid results of such efforts. The exhibition also included a special focus area on clean technologies.

Three ITEA 2 projects were shortlisted for the 2011 Achievement Award. “We’re very proud of all three short-listed projects and it was hard to differentiate between them,” said Philippe Letellier. The result was two joint Silver award winners – UseNet and Metaverse1 – while the Gold award this year went to MULTIPOL.

Cross-border co-operation in research is crucial, and we are open to co-operation beyond the ICT community, particularly through interactions with other EUREKA Clusters to meet common societal challenges such as in clean technologies.

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