Interoperability: Key to International Business
The role of ICT Standards

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Draft Programme

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MORNING SESSION (Plenary Session)		
HOUR	**DESCRIPTION**	**SPEAKER**
8.00-9.00	REGISTRATION and WELCOME COFFEE	
9.00-9.05	**Welcome speech**	Dr Spindler *(CENELEC President)*
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9.05-9.25	(TBC) Mrs Reding *(European Commissioner, DG INFSO)*	
9.25-9.45	(TBC) European Parliament Member *(Polish MEP)*	
9.45-10.05	US government	
10.05-10.25	Mr Marcin Korolec *(Secretary of State from the Ministry of Economy, Polish Government)*	
10.25-10.45	COFFEE BREAK	
	Industry overview:	
10.45-11.05	US industry representative	
11.05-11.25	EU industry representative	
11.25-11.45	**Introduction to break-out sessions**	Chair
11.45-12.00	*QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS*	
12.00-13.50	LUNCH	

AFTERNOON SESSION (Break-out Session)		
HOUR	**DESCRIPTION**	

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13.50-14.55	Theme 1 **Home and Building Electronic Systems**	Theme 2 **eBusiness Interoperability**	Theme 3 **Radio Frequency Identification Devices**
14.55-15.40	Discussion & conclusions	Discussion & conclusions	Discussion & conclusions
15.40-16.05	COFFEE BREAK		
16.05-17.10	Theme 4 **Entertainment applications**	Theme 5 **Case studies on interoperability - eHealth, eLearning, eSkills, eGovernment**	Theme 6 **Technical Interoperability and Quality of Standards**
17.10-17.55	Discussion & conclusions	Discussion & conclusions	Discussion & conclusions

END OF DAY 1	
18.30	COCKTAIL

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MORNING SESSION (Plenary Session)		
HOUR	**DESCRIPTION**	**SPEAKER**
9.00-10.00	**Reporting on findings and results**	Convenors of break-out sessions
10.00-10.30	COFFEE BREAK	
10.30-11.30	**Panel Discussion on conference theme and conclusions**	Panel: representatives of each body and Industry
11.30-11.50	*QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS*	
11.50-12.00	**Closing remarks**	ANSI President
12.00- 13.30	LUNCH	
END OF DAY 2		

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENT AND COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE

This programme reflects the general direction of the event, and is subject to completion in the light of responses to invitations.

Break-out sessions will be subject to a call for contributions, and a panel of experts will select the most interesting in relation to the Conference's overall objectives.

The following break-out session themes have been selected:

Theme 1: Home and Building Electronic Systems (HBES) (including SmartHouse)

Theme 2:   eBusiness Interoperability

Theme 3:   Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID)

Theme 4:   Entertainment (multimedia, digital TV)

Theme 5:   Case studies on interoperability (eHealth, eLearning, eSkills, eGovernment)

Theme 6:   Technical Interoperability and Quality of Standards

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The European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization - is officially responsible for standardization in the electrotechnical field.

In an ever more global economy, CENELEC fosters innovation and competitiveness, making technology available not only to major businesses but also to SMEs through the production of voluntary standards. CENELEC creates market access at the European level but also at the international level through its cooperation agreement with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

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An independent organization based in Sophia Antipolis, France, ETSI unites almost 700 member companies from 62 countries inside and outside Europe, including manufacturers, network operators, administrations, service providers, research bodies and users – in fact, all the key players in the ICT arena. ETSI's focus extends well beyond Europe, as the Institute plays a major role in developing a wide range of standards and specifications including conformance testing methods as a European contribution to world-wide ICT standardization.

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