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Towards a new ERA

On the 15th of October, **CINECA** and the **Italian Ministry of Education and Research** with the sponsorship of **MEP Mr V. Prodi** present at the European Parliament

"The Italian National Research Portal Best Practices"

Event background: the European Research Area

The Lisbon Strategy seeks to increase European competitiveness by investing in a knowledge-based and highly productive society. Knowledge sharing and communication of research results across European states and knowledge transfer between public research institutions and industry at European level are key aspects to improve European competitiveness.

Greater coordination between National Research Systems is encouraged by the **Commission** in order to create a real European Research Area.



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Event purpose

The aim of this event is to present the experience of the **Italian National Research portal**, which represents an internationally recognized best practice in innovating Research Communication and improving the connection between public research centres and third parties such as industry and civil organizations. By presenting this experience and starting from this best practice, CINECA and the Italian Ministry of Research hope to proactively contribute to stimulating new European initiatives aimed at improving communication and coordination between National Research Systems.

In October 2006 the Italian National Research Portal was presented at the Gartner Portals, Content and Collaboration Summit 2006 in London and was selected by Gartner analysts as one of the most prominent experiences worldwide in the public services sector.

It was chosen for its capacity to:

- create a bridge and reinforce connection between Universities, key Research Centres and schools by transferring knowledge from Italian research organizations to school teachers and students.
- reinforce the connection between Universities, key Research Centres and industry.
- highlight the relevance of science for cultural and societal development by adopting a specific communication policy (constant and updated dissemination of scientific results using non-specialist language in order to transfer knowledge and scientific know-how to all).
- use advanced technologies and methodologies to build complex portals to manage the entire editorial process in order to extract the maximum value from information.

Day programme

Mr Prodi will introduce and moderate the discussion. CINECA together with the Italian Ministry of Education and Research will present the National Research Portal experience.

Mr. Frans de Bruine (Director of Info H) of the Information Society Directorate and Mr Raffaele Liberali of the Research Directorate (Director of Energy) will attend the event providing the Commission's point of view on this theme.

Case studies on successful use of the Portal will be presented. In particular, a representative of the Canadian Embassy in Rome will report on the use of the portal as a means to creating a bridge between Italian research and Canadian enterprises.

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