

IVI AND CEPIS DEVELOP A EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR ICT PROFESSIONALISM

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Brussels/Maynooth, 25 June 2012: The Innovation Value Institute (IVI) at National University of Ireland Maynooth and the Council of European Professional Informatics Societies (CEPIS) recently published the results of a research project that sets out a vision for maturing the ICT profession in Europe and proposes a European framework for ICT professionalism. The research initiative was launched by the European Commission, and undertaken jointly by IVI and CEPIS, with the objective of maturing the profession and increasing worker mobility.

Commenting on the research, **Director of Intel Labs Europe, IVI Director, and NUI Maynooth Professor Martin Curley** said, “Over the past 40 years the ICT industry has completely transformed the world, but the ICT profession itself and how it is organised has not evolved at the same pace. This research provides insight into how the profession might evolve in coming years and calls for related stakeholders to get engaged”.

Entitled "e-Skills and ICT Professionalism: Fostering the ICT Profession in Europe", the research project involved consulting with over 300 leading CIOs, ICT professionals and academics across Europe. The research identified four basic building blocks for the proposed framework: bodies of knowledge, competencies, education & training, and ethics.

A series of action points was also identified for maturing the profession, including the creation of a sustainable operating model for the profession, the development of a foundational meta-level ICT body of knowledge, the alignment of education courses with national and European frameworks, in particular the European e-Competence Framework (e-CF), the establishment of ICT professional career streams, and the alignment of national codes of ethics / conduct with a meta-framework of ethical issues.

“Currently there is no common language to describe professional ICT competences and skills, no basis for measuring these skills and no common approach to assuring the quality of the profession. Clarifying and defining the ICT profession is the way forward so that more people will enter the profession and address skill gaps in the future. Maturing the ICT profession is absolutely essential if Europe wants to remain optimally competitive on a global scale”, added **Fiona Fanning Secretary General, Council of European Professional Informatics Societies**.

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Note to editor: A full copy of the final report and video along with a project brochure is available for download at <http://ictprof.eu/>.