

On-line EU and national public services

Follow-up from the discussion at the Editorial Board and comments received from MSs



<u>DEFINITION</u>

- Your Europe is the "one-stop shop" for EU citizens and businesses.
- The target audience is a citizen or a business in a cross-border situation in the EU.
- It increases the awareness of existing on-line information and services as well as advice and problem-solving mechanisms available on national and EU portals and websites.
- For each topic, the user will have access to information not only at a European level but also for each individual Member State.



OBJECTIVES

- Give access to practical information and eServices at both European and national levels.
- Provide information in the form of relevant texts and links at both European and national levels.
- Provide direct access to eServices or integrate them into the portal.
- Avoid duplicating information and facilitate the access to the relevant content.
- Offer the portal interface in the **user's native language** and the content according to the **linguistic policy** as agreed on by the TAC.



<u>APPROACH</u>

MAKE INFORMATION ACCESS APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TYPE OF USERS:

- As required by Citizens, provide them mainly with information in the form of texts, factsheets and guides.
- Provide business with information in the form of links introduced by a related text.

The **navigation process** and the **presentation of the information** defined so as to answer individual Citizens and Business needs.

Both the Citizens and the Business sections incorporate eServices.



CITIZENS CONTENT (as available today from DwC)

- Living in another EU Country.
- Working in another EU country (incl. <u>Job search</u> and Equal opportunities).
- Studying in another EU country.
- Travelling in another EU country.
- Buying goods and services.
- Enforcing your Rights.
- Social Security.
- Taxes.



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BUSINESS CONTENT (introductory text and links)

- Business Life (incl. <u>starting a business</u>).
- Funding Opportunities.
- Public Procurement.
- Regulation and Financing.
- Business Development.
- Taxation (incl. <u>TVA</u>).
- Social and Human Information.
- Market Information.

Getting advice / Business Support Networks



PHASES

<u>First Phase</u>: Third quarter 2004
Single point of access to information and services:
Launch of the Your Europe Portal

<u>Second Phase</u>: From September 2004 until mid 2005
Update and further development of the Your Europe Portal, including the integration of eServices.

Until September 2005, the update of the **Citizen** content is ensured by the **IMAC** and the update of the **Business** content is ensured by the **Editorial Board**. Afterwards the EB should take over co-ordination of both.



NEXT STEPS

- Finalise proposal to the EB (including subtopics) by February 2004 – ask for concrete feedback
- Discussion at EB meeting 25.3.04: prioritisation based on resources/availability of info at national and EU level
- Consultation of the TAC (including on a revised strategy paper): April 2004
- Collection of relevant information by June 2004