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Perspectives for the Information Society in Europe

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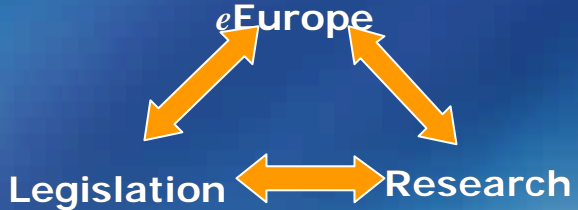
- Lisbon Strategy of higher growth, more jobs, better social inclusion
- ICTs lead to higher productivity and growth
- eEurope is central to Commission's policy on the Information Society


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eEurope in context



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Role of eEurope

- Co-ordination of strategies of Member States and European Institutions
- Focuses on areas where the public sector can make a difference


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eEurope 2002 to eEurope 2005: Progress Made

- Internet take-up increasing
- In 2002, 90% Companies & Schools connected
- Europe has world's fastest research backbone network (GEANT)
- Internet access prices have fallen
- Telecom framework in place
- eCommerce legal framework in place

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eEurope 2005 – applications, services and content

Modernising public services -

- e-Government
- e-Health
- e-Learning

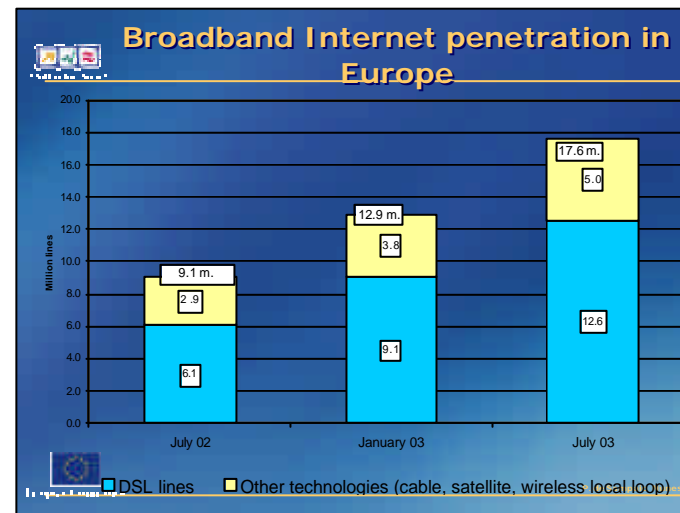
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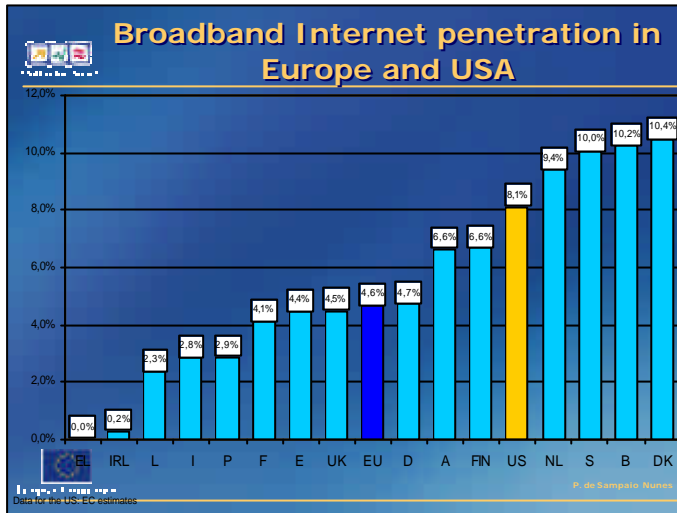
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eEurope 2005 - secure infrastructure

- Improving broadband availability
- Improving broadband use
- European Network and Information Security Agency
- eConfidence

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eEurope 2005: Midterm Review

Why?

- EU enlargement
- Recent developments, e.g. Broadband, Content, eGovernment and eHealth

NO OVERHAUL OF OBJECTIVES OR TARGETS

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eEurope 2005: Midterm Review

Process so far:

- Online consultation
- Member State consultation
- eEurope Steering Committee
- Public Hearing


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eEurope 2005: Midterm Review

Next steps:

- Jan 2004: mid-term review Communication
- Feb: Budapest Ministerial Conference
- March: European Council
- May: Communication 'eEurope 2005 in an enlarged EU'
- June: first EU 25 Telecom Council

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**Summary of
eEurope 2005's objectives**

By 2005 Europe should have:

- modern online public services &
- a dynamic e-business environment,

... enabled by:

- widespread availability and use of broadband and
- a secure information infrastructure



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