





COLLABORATIVE CONVERGENCE

Users Empowerment in the Global Digital Economy

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ICT overview

- ICTs drive convergence of infrastructures, platforms, operators and services.
 - ➤ Convergence ⇒ new paradigm
 - social and geographic barriers vanish
 - users' opinions and ideas count
 - they act as market experts ⇒ new services
 - social networks
- □ New practices, new business models
 - companies must adapt business models
 - place focus on new demands of customers
 - ➢ Governments ⇒ provide guidelines and devise policies
 - Favour environment to conform a collaborative techno-ecosystem
 foster investment and promote effective competition



Developing ICT and Information Society in Spain: "Plan Avanza"

Development of the Knowledge Society by:

- Fostering the development of broadband and mobile infrastructures, especially in rural areas
- Improving IT technological awareness and usage for all citizens and SMEs
- Fostering R&D&i activity in the corporate environment
- Expanding e-Government practices and services
- Selecting key areas to promote IT Spanish industry into leadership positions
- □ Budget 2005–2008: over **6.5 billion €**
- Cooperation and co-financing with private & public (Regional and Local Administrations) sectors
- □ Non-central Government funds mobilised in 2006–2007: over **3.8 billion €**



Outstanding achievements

Leading position

- 1. <u>Broadband coverage</u> to nearly 100% of the population (special emphasis on rural areas).
- 2. Networked Education (<u>e-Education</u>) in public High-Schools.
- <u>e-Government</u> actions to modernise public services (plus extensive use of the National <u>e-Identity Card</u>).
- 4. <u>e-Health</u> Programme, to generalise use of the e-Health Card and to interconnect all Spanish hospitals and health centres.
- 5. Country-wide deployment of <u>Digital Terrestrial Television</u> (DTT)



1. Broadband coverage (BB Programme)

- □ In Spain: 8,110 municipalities: 5,820 < 2,000 inhab.; 996 < 100 inhab.; also, difficult orography.
- **Rural areas target** \Rightarrow Population: 8,356,552 people \Rightarrow 5,706 municipalities \Rightarrow 58,444 population centres.



2. Networked Education (Internet in the Classroom)

- 98.5% of educational centres are connected to the Internet. 92% of these already have Broadband, compared to 67% in the EU-25.
- Digital infrastructures and content implemented in 18,000 schools
- □ 5 million students and 400,000 teachers reached.

Project AGREGA

- Federated Repository Platform of Educational Digital Objects to share contents among teachers
- Cutting edge technology based on Open Source standards and Best Practices
- Being used as *reference in other countries*





3. e-Government

Digital public services

Two recent Laws approved:

- to foster IS (i.e., e-Billing in public procurement, compulsory online channel to customers for services companies, etc.)
- online access to Government (central, local) services is a citizen right and has to be in place by 2010.

□ Prominent position in e-Government benchmarks



4. e-Health Programme

- Aimed at interconnecting all Spanish hospitals and health centres (central and regional)
- □ ICT infrastructure will enable services:
 - Healthcare e-Card
 - e-Prescription
 - Online Appointments
 - Digital Medical History
 - Tele-assistance & tele-diagnosis
- At the end of 2008, the healthcare e-Cards will be fully interoperable in all regions.





5. Digital Terrestrial Television (DTT)

- □ Presently more than 30 free channels: national, regional and local broadcast stations.
- Digital switchover **brought forward two years** (April 2010).
- □ Pilot projects to promote DTT interactive services as an additional mean to access the Info Society

□ Some figures (data as of July 2008):

- > More than 90% of TV sets sold are DTT-ready.
- > National coverage: 89.15% ⇒ among the top in Europe
- > Households connected to DTT: 37%
- > Households with access to digital channels (all platforms DTT, cable, satellite, IPTV): 65%
- > More than 12.4 million DTT receivers have been sold.



DTT receivers (2008)

Households with Digital Terrestrial TV (DTT)