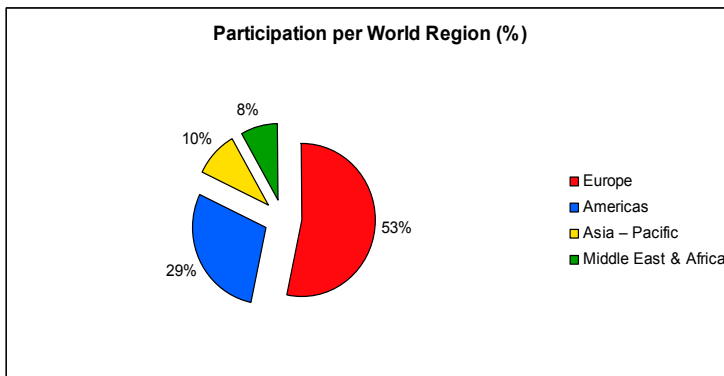
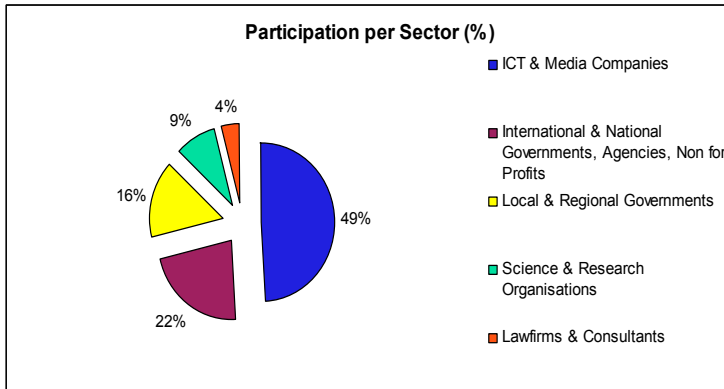


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- From 1992 the Global Forum brings together more than 300 high level key actors from the Information & Communication Society, from all over the world:
 - providing an arena for the exposure of divergent points of views
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- 2005 The Broad Convergence – Act II, Brussels, Belgium
- 2004 The Broad Convergence, Malmö, Sweden
- 2003 Connecting Businesses & Communities, Rome, Italy
- 2002 The promise of Broadband Services, Washington, USA
- 2001 Expanding the Global e-Society, Newcastle, UK
- 2000 Toward a Global E-Society - Sophia -Antipolis, France
- 1999 New Satellite and Terrestrial Applications - Sophia-Antipolis, France
- 1998 Networked communities - French Senate, Paris, France
- 1997 Smart Communities Forum – Economic Development in a Global Information Society - Sophia-Antipolis, France / Rome, Italy
- 1996 Smart Communities Forum - US Tour of cities and regions – New York / Washington / San Francisco / Silicon Valley, USA
- 1995 The Second Europe / Japan Forum on Communications – Kyoto, Japan
- 1994 Europe / Japan Forum on Cooperation and Competition in Communications – Paris, France
- 1993 Europe / Unites States Meetings on Cooperation and Competition in the Field of Communications – Rome, Italy
- 1992 Europe / Unites States Meetings on Cooperation and Competition in Telecommunications – Washington / New York, USA

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