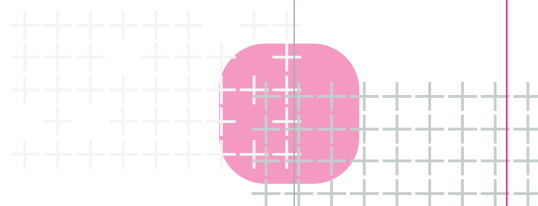




BizPoint:

International Conference
on One-Stop Shops,
A2B and business support

**15th February 2007, Santiago de
Compostela (Galicia, Spain)**



Programme

9.00 : Collect credentials

9.30: Welcome

9.45: Opening session chaired by a representative of the Galician Autonomous Government

10.00: Keynote speaker from the European Commission

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00-12.15: Session I: One-Stop-Shops in Europe

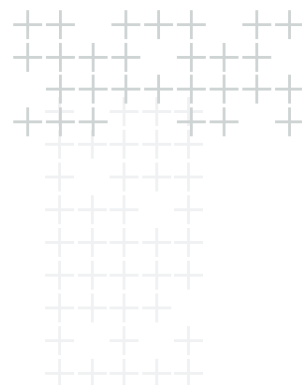
12.15- 13.30: Session 2: ICHNOS project conclusions

13.30-15.30: Lunch

15.30-16.45: Session 3: Administration to Business (A2B)

16.45: Session 4: Business Support

18.00: End





BizPoint, an International Conference on One-Stop Shops, A2B and business support will take place on the 15th February 2007 at the Santiago de Compostela Conference Centre (Galicia, Spain). A meeting point open to discussion for heads of institutional, academic, entrepreneurial and business associations and other similar entities, regarding the simplification of processes necessary in the creation of small and medium enterprises, through a one-stop contact point –in accordance with the Bolkestein guideline-, as well as on-line communications between the Administration and the company (Administration to Business A2b) and or support and help for entrepreneurs and companies. BizPoint is the third international event of its kind organised by the ICHNOS Project.

The European ICHNOS Project – Innovation and Change: Network of One-Stop Shops- starts from the premise that the implementation of one-stop shops or single contact points in many regions, represent, a key element in local development.

Financed by INTERREGIIC funds, this project was set up in March 2005 with the aim of defining an organisational model for Regional Authorities one-stop shops, with the possibility of being transferred to other regions, as well as making the most of ICT, thus simplifying the process of starting up a business, and make One-Stop Shops management easier.

ICHNOS was developed by three founding members: ANCI Sardegna (National Association of Regional-Municipalities Sardinia)/Ancinet (dependant company), for Vysocina Region (Czech Republic) and the Supercomputing Centre of Galicia (CESGA) – E-Commerce Competence Centre of Galicia.



Why take part in the BizPoint International Conference?

- >> It will bring together top-level experts from all over Europe. Represented by the heads of “Best Practice” institutions previously selected by the European Commission.
- >> It will offer the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and deal with the fundamental aspects related to the future of companies: One-Stop Shops –other ways of starting up a business – administrative e-procedures, support for companies and organizations, subsidies available and advice, in greater depth.
- >> It offers a complete programme on the main questions confronting Business One-Stop Shops, allowing to save on time, costs and advice (The European Commission, estimates that 30% of time and resources are spent in relations with Administrations).

>> Why Now?

The recent approval of the Bolkestein Directive Proposal, enforcing the implementation of Business One-Stop-Shops and the set up of electronic procedures for the registration of companies within the member states within a three year period following its implementation.

From 2007 onwards, the creation of limited liability companies will be feasible through an electronic procedure within a period of 48 hours.

Last March 2006, The European Commission undertook to reduce the maximum period for setting up a company within the Union to one week.



Presentation of Papers

The papers should be directly related to the general theme of the Conference, defined within the programme's epigraph.

Summaries of papers should be sent to the Conference Secretariat before the 31st of December. The summary of papers (1,000 words in font Times New Roman 12) the author should indicate: title, author/s, institution/company, theme, email address and contact telephone number (optional).

Admissions will be communicated by 31st of January. A maximum of two papers per author will be accepted.

The definite texts should be submitted no later than 20th of January and final admissions by 26th of January. These should be forwarded by email in a Word document to the following address: **comunicacions-bizpoint@e-negociogalicia.com..**

The document should indicate the main author's two surnames. The paper's document will also contain a brief CV from the main author (maximum 300 words in font Times New roman 12).

The Bizpoint International Conference on One-Stop-Shops A2B and business support is open to receive papers and therefore invites:

Researchers and teachers to submit their thoughts together with their latest research and innovations.

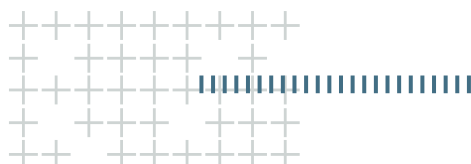
Professionals from different administrative bodies as well as the business sector to present their experiences in practice and share an in situ assessment of the situation.

Only those papers that comply with the style norm will be accepted. All papers will be published in the International Conference's Website in pdf format and subsequently included, both in the Minutes and our physical publication with the results of the project.

Both registration and delivery of papers for the Bizpoint International Conference are free.

Active participation in The International Conference is an essential request in order for papers to be admitted.

For further information, please contact the Organising Committee for the Bizpoint International Conference at: **bizpoint@europublic.es.**



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