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Track 2: Developing a sustainable Information Society: vision-building, policy-making and participation enacting

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Short description

Information Society can be approached as a problem-type concept, which fosters reflection on how to aptly balance means and ends conditioning its advance, as well as a solution-type concept, which, in turn, brings forth the role and impact of its driving technologies, institutions, work practices and ethical concerns upon the overall societal development. The Information Society, as both blueprint and evolving (becoming) reality, confronts its stakeholders, from academia and industry to government and civil society, with the endeavour of a higher-order sustainability at national, regional and international scale; this involves turning actual life cycles into virtuous circles not only in the environmental and productive sphere, but also in those of education, innovation, working and living in established or emerging economies.

The track aims to attract original contributions, of conceptual and operational relevance, addressing open issues of the research agenda on the Information Society worldwide, with a view to the specificity of the Mediterranean region; cross-country, comparative analyses, inter-cultural approaches are encouraged.

BIO of track chair

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