



Join the CyberVote Special Interest User Group !

What is CyberVote ?

CyberVote, an innovative cyber voting system for internet terminals and mobile phones, is a research and development (RDT) programme being funded by the European Commission, with additional funding from the companies and organisations undertaking the work. It is part of the [Information Society Technologies \(IST\)](#) 1999 programme for research, technology development and demonstration under the fifth framework programme (5th PCRD). It is attached to [Key Action 1 "Systems and Services for the Citizens"](#).

The objective of CyberVote is to demonstrate a highly secure cyber-voting prototype using mobile and fixed internet technologies. The project will define and implement a CyberVote prototype embedding an innovative voting protocol relying upon the use of advanced cryptographic tools that will be developed to ensure integrity, privacy and authentication of the voters. The prototype will be demonstrated and evaluated on 3 trial applications.

The project is carried out by a [consortium](#) led by EADS Matra Systèmes & Information (FR) and grouping together: British Telecommunications (UK), NOKIA Research Centre (FI), K.U.Leuven Research & Development (BE), Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (NL), Freie Hansestadt Bremen (DE), Mairie d'Issy-les-Moulineaux (FR) and Kista Stadsdelsnämnd (SE).

The project officially started on 1 September 2000. It will end on 1 March 2003.

Why should I join the CyberVote Special Interest User Group ?

The CyberVote Special Interest User Group will offer a unique opportunity for international authorities and user representatives to follow, assess and influence the work of the consortium during the whole project. The CSI UG will meet twice a year. The first meeting will take place in late February 2001 (provisional date).

If you are interested, you should send now your candidature to:

contact@eucybervote.org

The CSI UG members will be invited to attend dedicated (1 or 2-day) workshops that will be held twice a year during all the course of the project. We are also investigating the possibility of using Web TV and video-conferencing facilities to enable CSI UG members to virtually attend these workshops.

During these workshops, the CyberVote consortium will present the on-going activities together with the first results of the project. Exchanges between the CSI UG members and the CyberVote consortium will be encouraged in order to get feedback and possibly change the orientations of the project.

What are the membership conditions ?

The membership is primarily open to user organisations.

This membership is free of charge but subject to prior approval from the CyberVote consortium. Interested parties are invited to submit a short description of their organisation and of their interest in the CyberVote project. Approval/refusal of the membership will be notified to the interested parties by the end of the year.

Travel and subsistence expenses implied by the attendance to the CSI UG workshops will be borne by the participants and will not be chargeable to the CyberVote consortium.

Workshops will be free of charge for the members of the CyberVote Special Interest User Group.

All the information presented during these workshops will be public.

Where can I get further information ?

You can get further information by visiting our Web site:

<http://www.eucybervote.org>