



Seminar, Limerick, 26th April 2012



This seminar, which is organised by the Mid-West Regional Authority and Limerick City Council, will present the policies and trends with regard to Digital Inclusion in Ireland and the progress to date of implementing the “Digital Agenda for Europe”.

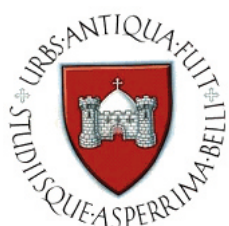
The seminar agenda presents policies and strategies at national and local level in order to boost ICT innovative projects and to combat digital exclusion in Ireland and in Limerick.

The **DIEGO** (Digital Inclusive e-Government) project is framed in the context of the Digital Agenda for Europe, which aims to maximise the economic and social potential of ICT. The **DIEGO** partners, belonging to six different EU Member States - Spain, the U.K., Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Ireland, represented by the Mid-West Regional Authority and Limerick City Council – are currently piloting sustainable solutions to provide all citizens with easier and accessible access to e-Government services. These pilots fulfil the motto of the project:

“No citizen left behind”

The pilot projects, available through different channels, are currently being deployed throughout the partner regions to assess the viability and success of the service in making eGovernment more accessible to all. The Limerick pilot project will be presented during the seminar to demonstrate the approach being taken in this Region and the successes to date.

Further information at
www.diego-project.eu



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>	10.00 – 10.30	Registration, Teas & Coffees
>	Morning Session:	Digital Inclusion in Ireland
	10.30 – 10.45	Official Welcome by Cllr. Joe Leddin, MWRA Cathaoirleach
	10.45 – 11.15	Introduction to Digital Inclusion: Dr. Albert Jordan - Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
	11.15 – 11.45	Development of a Limerick Digital Inclusion Strategy Dr. Fergal McGrath, University of Limerick
	11.45 – 12.15	Third Level Digital Inclusion Limerick Institute of Technology Access/Disability Service
	12.15 – 12.30	Open Forum Q&A
>	12.30 – 1.30	Lunch
>	Afternoon Session:	DIEGO
	1.30 – 2.00	Introduction to the DIEGO project Mihai Bilauca, Head of IT, Limerick City Council
	2.00 – 2.45	Digital Skills Training in Limerick: the use of DIEGO Ronan Murphy, Limerick Community Connect
	2.45 – 3.00	A trainee presents their experience with DIEGO
	3.00 – 3.30	DIEGO in Cambridge: experiences to date Steve Capes and Nyree Scott, Cambridgeshire County Council
	3.30 – 4.00	Open Forum and Q&A
>	4.00	Official close of the seminar